



**Department of the Environment**  
*Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*

Notice is hereby given that the Minister of the Environment, pursuant to section 127 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* (CEPA), is issuing disposal at sea permit no. ATL-00455-1, authorizing the loading for disposal and the disposal of waste or other matter at sea. The permit is published in the Canadian Environmental Protection Act Registry on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. All documents referenced in this permit are available upon request by email at [immersionatl-disposalatseaatl@ec.gc.ca](mailto:immersionatl-disposalatseaatl@ec.gc.ca).

1. Permittee: Golden Shell Fisheries (2014) Limited, Hickman's Harbour, Newfoundland and Labrador.
2. Waste or other matter to be disposed of: fish waste and other organic matter resulting from industrial fish processing operations.
  - 2.1. Nature of waste or other matter: fish waste or material resulting from industrial operations processing wild fisheries stocks and consisting of flesh, skin, bones, entrails, shells, and associated organic wastes.
  - 2.2. Origin of waste and other matter: waste from Golden Shell Fisheries (2014) Limited's industrial fish plant, located at Hickman's Harbour, Newfoundland and Labrador.
3. Duration of permit: The permit is valid from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025.
4. Reference documents:
  - a. Map of Hickman's Harbour Fish Waste Disposal Site
  - b. Notification Form – Beginning of Disposal Activities
  - c. Disposal Report for Fish Waste
5. Loading site: Hickman's Harbour, Newfoundland and Labrador, at approximately 48.09966° N, 53.74028° W North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83).
6. Disposal site: Hickman's Harbour, within a 250-metre radius of 48.08917° N, 53.72667° W (NAD83) at an approximate depth of 110 metres, as described in the map identified in paragraph 4a.
7. Method of loading, storage, and transport: The permittee must load the waste onto floating equipment capable of containing all waste cargo during loading and transit to the approved disposal site. The permittee must prevent access to waste by gulls and other marine birds, except during direct loading or disposal of the waste. The permittee must not retain waste loaded for disposal at sea for more than 96 hours from the commencement of loading. Any



exceedance of this window must be reported to the manager of operations and permit officer identified in paragraph 12.1. The permittee must prevent the waste from being spilled during loading, storage, and transport. Any waste spilled must be recovered.

8. Route to disposal site and method of transport: most direct navigational route from the loading site to the disposal site.

9. Method of disposal: The permittee must discharge the waste to be disposed of from the equipment or ship while steaming within the disposal site boundaries and in a manner that will promote dispersion.

10. Total quantity to be disposed of: not to exceed 1200 tonnes.

11. Inspection and records:

11.1. Pursuant to Part 10 of CEPA, the permittee and its contractors are subject to inspection by enforcement officers designated under CEPA. At all times, a paper or digital copy of this permit and one of the map referenced in paragraph 4a must be available at the loading site and on all powered ships directly engaged in the loading and disposal operations.

11.2. The permittee must keep the final Disposal Report for Fish Waste, identified in paragraph 4c, at its principal place of business in Canada for the duration of the permit and for 5 years following the expiry of the permit.

12. Reporting and notification:

12.1. The permittee must provide a completed Notification Form – Beginning of Disposal Activities, identified in paragraph 4b, at least 48 hours before loading and disposal activities commence. The above-noted form must be submitted to the following:

a. Natasha Boyd  
Permit Officer  
Environmental Protection Operations Directorate  
Department of the Environment  
Atlantic Region  
6 Bruce St  
Mount Pearl NL A1N 4T3

Email: [natasha.boyd@ec.gc.ca](mailto:natasha.boyd@ec.gc.ca)

b. Julie Robbins  
Acting Manager of Operations  
Newfoundland and Labrador District  
Environmental Enforcement Directorate  
Department of the Environment  
Atlantic Region  
503 – 4 Herald Avenue  
Corner Brook NL A2H 4B4

Email: [julie.robbsins@ec.gc.ca](mailto:julie.robbsins@ec.gc.ca)

12.2. The permittee must complete the Final Disposal Report for Fish Waste, identified in paragraph 4c, within 30 days after the expiry of the permit. The report must be submitted to the person identified in paragraph 12.1a.

13. Retention of records: The permittee must keep the Final Disposal Report for Fish Waste, identified in paragraph 4c, at its principal place of business in Canada for the duration of the permit and for 5 years following the expiry of the permit.

On behalf of the Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Mona Sidarous  
Regional Director  
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Atlantic Region

Signed on February 27, 2024