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NB Salmon Growers Association Seeking New Executive Director

St. George NB: The first task of the newly elected Board of the New Brunswick Salmon Growers Association's (NBSGA) is to recruit a new Executive Director.

At its first meeting in 2009, The Association's Board elected a new Executive: President – Nell Halse, Cooke Aquaculture, Vice President – Larry Ingalls, Northern Harvest Sea Farms and Secretary Treasurer – Bob Sweeney, SIMCorp International. At the same meeting, the Board also accepted the resignation of Dr. Jamey Smith who leaves his post as Executive Director to take on a new position with the Aquaculture Management Directorate of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

“We are very sorry to lose Jamey Smith as the NBSGA's representative, but we appreciate all that he has done to strengthen the association and its membership, not just during his tenure as Executive Director but also in his earlier capacity as science advisor” said the association's President, Nell Halse. “Dr. Smith, a native of Fredericton with a BSc in Biology from the University of New Brunswick and a PhD in Aquaculture Management from Stirling University in Scotland, has played a key role in the development and implementation of the industry's Environmental Management and Monitoring Program and the industry's critical move to the 3 Bay Management System. We thank him for his contribution to the development of a sustainable east coast industry and wish him all the best in his new venture.”

The NBSGA is seeking an experienced Executive Director to represent its interests and manage its ongoing operations. These include promotion of the industry with the local, national and international community, liaison with provincial and federal governments, liaison with industry associations and management of the NBSGA's wharf facility and grounds as well as its office and staff in St. George New Brunswick.

The NBSGA represents the majority of salmon production in NB, including large and small producers, a number of service and consulting companies and the majority of the feed production in Atlantic Canada. The salmon farming sector contributes nearly \$300 million to the province's annual economy and is a major employer in Charlotte County.

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