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New case of ISA at aquaculture site confirmed



The [Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#) (CFIA) has confirmed the presence of the Infectious Salmon Anemia (ISA) virus at an aquaculture site on the south coast of Newfoundland and Labrador.

According to the CFIA the site is being monitored closely by the Provincial Government.

Federal and provincial protocols and procedures have been activated aiming to limit the spread of the virus.

"While ISA is not harmful to humans, if not managed properly it could cause further risk to other fish farms in the region. Thus far, there is no sign of the virus spreading," said Derrick Dalley, Minister of [Fisheries and Aquaculture](#). "However, in all cases where aquatic diseases are suspected or confirmed, the goal is to minimize exposure to infection and disruption to producers, while respecting obligations to take appropriate and prudent precautionary control measures. For that reason, CFIA had previously quarantined the infected site and our government will continue to provide any and all necessary support as the situation evolves and a depopulation order for the infected fish is issued."

Initial laboratory results tested positive for ISA virus on Monday, November 26.

The following day CFIA placed the site under quarantine as a precautionary measure to restrict movement of people, fish, vessels, equipment and other potentially infectious material, to prevent the spread of the suspected virus.

The Provincial Government was notified of confirmed test results by CFIA on Monday, December 17. Strict biosecurity protocols remain in place at the infected site.

As a proactive measure, the company which owns the infected farm had submitted quarantine Standard Operating Procedures to CFIA.

The Provincial Government has provided various operating procedures and assisted with revisions related to disinfection, harvest, destruction and movement of the fish in the event a destruction order was issued.

A decision on next steps is anticipated to come from the CFIA in short order. Further updates will be provided by the Provincial Government at that time.