

Fisheries minister promises to improve aquaculture industry



Fisheries Minister Sterling Belliveau released a strategy today to improve regulations and share more information with the public about the \$50-million industry.

BLANDFORD, N.S. — Nova Scotia's fisheries minister is promising to increase oversight of the province's aquaculture sector.

Sterling Belliveau released a strategy today to improve regulations and share more information with the public about the \$50-million industry.

Under the plan, the provincial government wants companies to report fish losses due to disease and mandate disinfection of aquaculture sites.

The government also acknowledges there is public concern over aquaculture, so it is promising to develop a communications plan by the end of 2013.

The announcement comes a month after a Nova Scotia fish farm was ordered to kill hundreds of thousands of salmon due to a viral outbreak.

Infectious salmon anemia was found at a Cooke Aquaculture site outside Shelburne Harbour earlier this year.