

Company: Notre Dame Bay Mussel Farms Inc.

Public Notice - Fish Health Reports

Farm Name: Saltwater Pond, Fortune Harbour

AQ #: AQ21-LIC-1151, AQ21-LIC-1163

Date of Incident: October 29, 2025

Species: American oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*)

Pathogen Detected: *Multinucleate sphere unknown* (MSX)

Shellfish Affected: 9,000,000

Details: In accordance with the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DFA) policy AP 17, Notre Dame Bay Mussel Farms/Badger Bay Mussel Farms publicly advises that the company has received a confirmed detection of *Multinucleate sphere unknown* at Saltwater Pond and second detection at Fortune Harbour. This is a disease agent regulated under both the federal Health of Animals Act (Canadian Food Inspection Agency), and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Oysters affected by MSX are not a human food safety concern by consumption or contact. The disease MSX, may cause varying levels of mortalities, depending on water temperatures and salinity.

The company is cooperating and complying with all regulatory orders and is following government-approved policies for reporting.