

Company: Black Gold Inc

Public Notice – Other Reportable Events

Farm Name: Charles Arm

AQ #: 0004

Date of Incident: August 27, 2026

Species: American oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*)

Statement Regarding Abnormal Mortality

Fish Affected: 1.3 million

Details: In accordance with the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture Policies, **Aquaculture Act 2023** and **Aquaculture Regulations 2025**, Black Gold Inc reports that there has been an abnormal mortality event exceeding 75% of the site population at its Black Gold marine site (AQ#0004) located in Notre Dame Bay. The mortality event, affecting the site population of 1.3 million oysters was confirmed on August 27, 2026. It appears that the mortality event was due to predation by starfish.

The company is cooperating and taking all responsible steps under the oversight of the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and following government-approved policies for reporting.