

## Global Growth Salmon Aquaculture Canada 2022 Conference



The Canadian Centre for Fisheries Innovation (CCFI), in partnership with Innovation Norway and the Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University (MI), hosted a delegation of Norwegian companies last week in support of expanding the aquaculture sector in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The “Global Growth Salmon Aquaculture Canada 2022” delegation was focused on developing and fostering partnerships with local companies, people and innovation development. Innovation Norway is a state-owned company and a national development bank. The company’s programs and services are intended to stimulate entrepreneurship, with offices in 39 countries around the world, including Canada.

On June 13, CCFI hosted a full day of information sharing and networking sessions including presentations from CCFI, MI, Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association (NAIA), National Research Council (NRC), provincial and federal licensing and regulatory departments, and Memorial University’s Dr. Joe Brown Aquaculture Research Facility. The event also included a tour of leading edge technology and facilities, located at the Marine Institute’s Ridge Road campus, and used by both national and international clients.

Keith Hutchings, Managing Director of CCFI stated, “Twelve Norwegian companies were part of the delegation ranging in variety of services and expertise in marine technology and aquaculture. NL companies engaged in the industry were also part of the session to discuss future partnerships

in the growing aquaculture industry in our province with a target of 50,000 tonnes by 2030. We believe there is opportunities to offset challenges through robust applied research and development in aspects of the industry that CCFI can support in partnership with local and Norwegian companies to benefit the industry and overall economic growth with sustainable practices.”

“Norway and our province share challenging ocean environments that we have both learned to harness for a wide range of opportunities – from aquaculture to ocean technology,” said Paul Brett, Marine Institute’s Associate Vice President of Research and Strategic Partnerships. “We welcome these international delegations to shine a spotlight on how we apply our oceans expertise, resource capabilities and facilities in the global blue economy.”

Tom-Ivar Bern, Innovation Norway stated, “The Norwegian delegation of innovative SMEs had a very informative knowledge exchange with Marine Institute, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, ACOA, and Memorial University. The seminar was well organized and chaired by the Canadian Centre for Fisheries Innovation. It proved to be an excellent starting point for our visit to the salmon farmers in Marystown, St. Alban’s, and Harbour Breton. We have been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and support shown by the elected officials in the communities we visited.

The members of the delegation have opened several discussions with their Canadian counterparts, and we believe there are business opportunities ahead. We are very pleased with the warm welcome we have met throughout Newfoundland.”

The delegation also visited aquaculture facilities, operators, local community groups and supply companies on the Burin Peninsula and South Coast. The week of activities allowed a full understanding of Newfoundland and Labrador aquaculture industry and the environment and locations in which it operates. All of these activities build greater partnerships and opportunities for local and Norwegian companies and access to the academic and world class facilities at Fisheries and Marine Institute.

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