



Intake Details Form

Type of Intake: Complaint

Date Received: August 9, 2012

Time Received: 1400hrs

Received By: Heather Macpherson

Staff Assigned: Heather Macpherson

Region: Western

District: Yarmouth

Issue is related to a current Approval/Certification: No

Reported By:

Complainant/Contact Name: Multiple complainants - refer to hard copy of correspondence/emails on file

Complainant/Contact Address:

Phone #:

Fax #:

Cell #:

Alternate #:

Site Location: 408 HARRINGTON RD., MAYFLOWER, NS

Site Name / Reference Name: Complaint release of substance from Mink Ranch - Little Lake Doucette - 408 Harrington Rd

Details of Request/Complaint: (In Full): Complaint of runoff from a mink ranch to a lake (Little Lake Doucette in Mayflower, Digby Co.). Multiple complainants. Refer to hard copy of emails on file. Location is civic 408 Harrington Rd. Mink Ranch owner/operator unknown by complainants. Photos and video provided.

File #:

EIMAS #:

Folder #: 0

Report Run Date: August 13, 2012

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From: Heather T Macpherson
To: Hudson, Paddy-joe
Date: 8/13/2012 3:28 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Fw: Clare-20120808-00185.jpg (ITS #678)

Hi Paddy-joe,

This complaint has multiple complainants. As for [redacted] I called and spoke with [redacted] at the number he provided [redacted]. They were passing on the info for the original complainants. I relayed to her that an inspection would be conducted in response to this complaint. She did not want a client call back.

I also spoke to [redacted] and a [redacted] on the phone to relay the same information. They are down for a client call back in the file.

The final complainant is a [redacted] and I have sent an email informing him an inspection will be conducted.

Heather

Heather Macpherson
Inspector Specialist
Nova Scotia Environment
Environmental Monitoring and Compliance Division
Yarmouth District Office, 13 First St
742-8985 phone
742-7796 fax

>>> Paddy-joe Hudson 8/10/2012 9:47 AM >>>
Hi Heather,

Please see attached. This is a complaint, not a DM. From what is provided it appears an inspection will be required. Please respond by August 14, 2012. If an Inspection is required just advise that in your response to the clients, Pauline, Stephanie Jobe, Adrian and myself.

Thank you,

Paddy-joe

>>> Pauline Herron 8/10/2012 8:40 AM >>>
Hi Pj

Can you look at the attachments and prepare a response please? They are all the same issue with separate photos from the one complainant,

Please try to have your response sent out by Wednesday 15 August.

By the way, I am on vacation after Tuesday (yeah, me)!

Cheers
Pauline

FILE ACTIVITY REPORT

File #: 95100-40-YAR-2454494

Folder Name: Complaint release of substance from Mink Ranch - Little Lake Doucette -Complaint

Contact Name: Arnold Doucet 749-6554

Staff: MACPHEHT

Date: August 15, 2012

Time: 1310hrs

Topic: Complaint

Received a call from a new complainant who reports release of substance from the mink farm on Harrington Rd in Mayflower. Inspector relayed that multiple complaints previously received and that an inspection will be conducted at the begriming of next week.

Client call back requested.

Process RSN: 6459895

From: Anthony N Shand
To: Macpherson, Heather T
Date: 8/15/2012 12:14 PM
Subject: Mink Ranch - Little Lake Doucet

95100-40-YAK
2454494

Please call 749-6554; Arnold Doucette resides at 179 Mardi Gras Rd, St. Alphonse - has cottage on Little Lake Doucet. He is complaining about the mink ranch adjacent to Lake Doucet - runoff from farm is entering lake.

Anthony

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From:
To: "MACPHEHT@gov.ns.ca" <MACPHEHT@gov.ns.ca>
Date: 8/15/2012 11:20 AM
Subject: Little lake Doucet e-coli

A recent test on August 14th has discovered that the e-coli bacteria count in this lake is over 2400ppm. The EXPECTABLE level is 200ppm. Once again to solidify the ongoing problem highlighted in the complaint. This is unacceptable. And must be dealt with ASAP

Sent from my iPhone

From:
To: Heather Macphee <macpheht@gov.ns.ca>
Date: 8/15/2012 12:57 PM
Subject: Water Samples from Little Lake Doucette
Attachments: Water Sample[1].pdf; Water sample (2).pdf

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Hi Heather;

Here are the results of 2 water samples. The first one was taken at a camp approximately 1000 feet away from the point of contamination in June .
The second one was taken 2 days ago approximately 10 feet from the point of contamination, 6 inches deep.
Hope this helps to show the seriousness of this matter.

Thanks

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Attention: **S. 80**

Tel :
Fax:
e-mail:

LAB # 12-079

DATE REC'D: 14-Aug-12	DATE TESTED: 14-Aug-12	REPORT DATE: 15-Aug-12			
SAMPLE DESCRIPTION	Little Lake Doucette	Limits		Fur Industry Regulations (DRAFT) Feb. 2012	Guideline for CDN Recreational Water Quality (DRAFT - 3rd edition - 2009)
		Detection	Quantitation	MAC	MAC

MICRO RESULTS (results relate only to the items tested, where relevant)

Total Coliform (CFU/100mL - MPN) ¹	>2419	-	0	-	NG	NG
E.Coli (CFU/100mL - MPN) ¹	>2419	DOES NOT COMPLY	0	-	100	200
Heterotrophic Plate Count (CFU/mL - MPN) ²	>738	-	0.2	-	NG	NG
Total Cyanobacteria (cells/mL)	Did not observe any microscopically.		-	-	NG	<100,000

CHEMISTRY RESULTS (results relate only to the items tested, where relevant)

Ammonia-Nitrogen (mg/L)* ³	0.54	COMPLIES	0.02	pending	1	NG
Colour, True (TCU)* ⁴	12.7 +/- 3.6	-	1.4	6.5	NG	NG
Nitrate-Nitrogen (mg/L)* ⁵	0.26 +/- 0.03	COMPLIES	0.05	0.13	2.9	NG
pH* ⁶	7.11	COMPLIES	pending	pending	NG	6.5-8.5
Phosphorus, Total (ug/L, as P)* ⁷	139	DOES NOT COMPLY	pending	pending	20	NG
Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)* ⁸	18.0	COMPLIES	pending	pending	50	NG
Total Organic Carbon (mg/L)* ⁹	7.6	-	0.3	pending	NG	NG
Turbidity (NTU)* ¹⁰	2.92	COMPLIES	0.1	pending	NG	50

NG = No Guideline MAC = Maximum Acceptable Concentration

NOTES:

Micro results from lab number 12-1088.

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- 4 - Colourimetric - 2120 C Single-Wavelength Method - Standard Methods for the examination of water & wastewater (21st edition)
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- 6 - Electrometric - 4500-H⁺ B Electrometric Method - Standard Methods for the examination of water & wastewater (21st edition)
- 7 - ICP-OES - Method 200.7 Trace Elements in water, solids, and biosolids by ICP-AES - US Environmental Protection Agency
- 8 - Gravimetric - 2540D Total Suspended Solids Dried at 103-105°C - Standard Methods for the examination of water & wastewater (21st edition)
- 9 - Spectrophotometric - Method 10129 - HACH Direct Method
- 10 - Electrometric - 2130 B Nephelometric Method - Standard Methods for the examination of water & wastewater (21st edition)

André Belliveau, Lab Manager

Adam Hankinson, Technician

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LAB #

DATE REC'D: 25-Jun-12	DATE TESTED: 26-Jun-12	REPORT DATE: 26-Jun-12
SAMPLE DESCRIPTION	Little Upper Doucet Lake (recreational water)	Limits
		Guideline for Canadian Recreational Water Quality (DRAFT - 3rd edition - 2009)
		MAC

MICRO RESULTS (results relate only to the items tested, where relevant)

Total Coliform (MPN-CFU/100mL) ¹	>2419	-	0	NG
E.Coli (MPN-CFU/100mL) ¹	77	COMPLIES	0	200
CBOD ₅ (mg/L) ⁶	-	-	1	NG

CHEMISTRY RESULTS (results relate only to the items tested, where relevant)

Ammonia-Nitrogen (mg/L) ^{*2}	0.11	-	0.02	NG
Colour (TCU)	9.7	-	pending	NG
Nitrate-Nitrogen (mg/L) ^{*3}	0.18	-	0.1	NG
Nitrite-Nitrogen (mg/L) ^{*3}	-	-	0.002	NG
pH	6.980	COMPLIES	pending	6.5-8.5
Phosphorus, Total (ug/L) ^{*4}	15	-	pending	NG
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L) ^{*7}	-	-	pending	NG
Total Suspended Solids (mg/L) ^{*5}	4.4	-	pending	NG
Turbidity (NTU)	2.53	COMPLIES	pending	50

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- 3 - Spectrophotometric - Method 10049 - HACH UV Screening Method
- 4 - ICP-OES - Method 200.7 Trace Elements in water, solids, and biosolids by ICP-AES - US Environmental Protection Agency
- 5 - Gravimetric - 2540D Total Suspended Solids Dried at 103-105°C - Standard Methods for the examination of water & wastewater (21st edition)
- 6 - Electrometric - 5210 Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) - Standard Methods for the examination of water & wastewater (21st edition)
- 7 - Gravimetric - 2540C Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 180°C - Standard Methods for the examination of water & wastewater (21st edition)

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Adam Hankinson, Technician

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Aug 15 2012

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TEST RESULTS for Little Lake Doucette

high E-coli

high Phosphorus

AUGUST 14, 2012



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Phone: (902) 742-8985
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FILE ACTIVITY REPORT

Folder Name: Complaint release of substance from Mink Ranch - Little Lake Doucette -Complaint
Approval Holder:
File #: 95100-40-YAR-2454494

Contact Name: Earl Hope C&P Officer, Meteghan Detachment DFO

Staff: Heather Macpherson

Date: August 14, 2012

Time: 1530hrs

Topic: Complaint related to Mink Farm

Call from C&P Officer with DFO. A complaint was received at the Meteghan Officer regarding release of substance from Mink Farm on Harrington Road. Officer Hope reports that there are videos showing release of substance. Inspector relayed to Officer Hope that NSE has received multiple complaints regarding this and that in response an inspection for this mink farm is planned for the beginning of next week (Tuesday Aug 21). NSE will be accompanied by a Department of Agriculture Representative. Inspector relayed that the individual who called the DFO Office could call NSE and leave their name and number if they would like to receive a client call back. Officer Hope indicated that he would like a callback and will then call the complainant rather than provide the complainants info to NSE at this time.

Folder RSN: 2454494

From: Gail Van Buskirk
To: Macpherson, Heather T
Date: 8/14/2012 2:21 PM
Caller: Earl Hope
Company: DFO Meteghan
Phone: 645-2045 after 30 mins call his cell 769-8127

Telephoned Please call
 Will call again Returned your call
 Wants to see you Came to see you
 Urgent

Calling about Mink Frams

From: Paddy-joe Hudson
To: Macpherson, Heather T
Date: 8/20/2012 4:52 PM
Subject: Inspection to Mink Farm

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Hi Heather,

Paddy-joe

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From: Danette Deveau
To: Macpherson, Heather T
Date: 8/20/2012 2:39 PM
Caller:
Phone:

- [*] Telephoned
- [*] Please call
- Will call again
- Returned your call
- Wants to see you
- Came to see you
- Urgent

Update about meet tomorrow

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From: Paddy-joe Hudson
To: Macpherson, Heather T
Date: 8/20/2012 9:12 AM
Subject: Fwd: FW: video of a lake in Clare, that is now more like a waste-water lagoon.

See below.

>>> Cheryl L Benjamin 8/20/2012 9:01 AM >>>
Hi Paddy-joe, forwarding this for your information.

Cheryl

>>> Alan Benninger 20/08/2012 8:32 AM >>>
FYI - just arrived from the operator of the wastewater system in Clare. He sent to me and a few others (Environment Canada).

Alan

>>> _____ 2012/08/20 8:28 AM >>>

Hi,

The link below is a small video of the run off from a mink ranch. The video starts at the lakes edge, up the hill through the forest and to the source.

_____ has a cottage directly across from the ranch. Last week I removed my boat from there and all water activity has stopped in the lake.

The coli form count, in a water test, near the location at the start of the video, was >2000.

Having worked in the waste-water field for the past 13yrs, I find it hard to believe that this is something that will receive a "looking into".

When it comes to power of the law in waste-water, you seem to be the ones. It looks like waste-water to me.

Last spring in PEI, Dawn MacNeil talked to us about watersheds. I think she may like to see this video. If one of you could forward this to her I would be glad.

I can't see how, someone with the ability to stop this, would let it continue. And have the destruction they have caused repaired.

If you want a map location of the area, let me know.

Thanks for your time

Subject: video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=MR24NIJ6YA

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From:
To: <MACPHEHT@gov.ns.ca>
Date: 8/17/2012 5:02 PM
Subject: Mink ranch

Reports from lake resistance that heavy mashinery is digging at the mink ranch in question. Why is the inspection taking so long that they have a chance to cover up there dirty deeds?

Sent from my iPhone

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From:
To: <MACPHEHT@gov.ns.ca>
Date: 8/16/2012 10:57 AM
Subject: Scum line
Attachments: photo.JPG; Part.002

From: Anthony N Shand
To: Macpherson, Heather T
Date: 8/15/2012 12:14 PM
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Anthony

~~XX~~
NOVA SCOTIA

NOTES TO FILE

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File Number	Volume:
Date, Time, Initials	<i>Description of Action Taken & Persons Involved</i>
AUG 20/12	
1540HRS	
AM	

From: Jacqueline Cook
To: MACDOMZZ@gov.ns.ca; Macpherson, Heather T
Date: 8/21/2012 10:00 AM
Subject: Fwd: Mink farm

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Hi Mike,

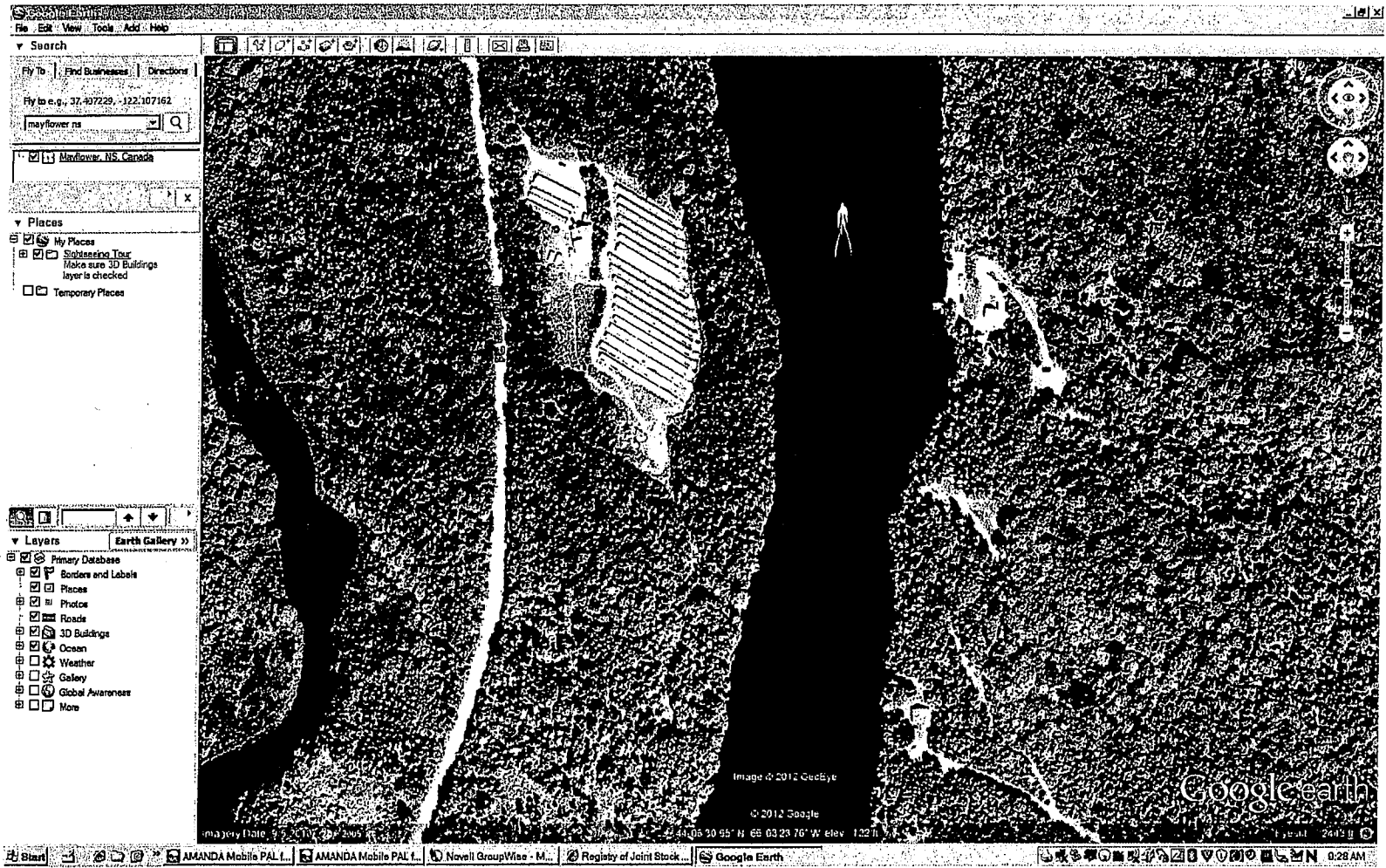
This in Heather's area and she is already taking care of it. She is inspecting this farm this morning actually.

have a good day
Jackie


>>> Mike G MacDonald 8/21/2012 9:33 AM >>>

Hi Jackie. I'm on call. I received a call from [redacted] regarding mink waste that is leaving the farm on the Harrington Rd. in Mayflower and polluting Little Lake Doucette. Supposedly, a video on u-tube called 'shit rolls downhill' or 'shit flows downhill' shows where the manure is rolling down from the back of the property to the lake. [redacted] can be reached at [redacted] I will get this into the system and send it to you. Thanks,

Michael MacDonald





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PROFILE - JASON MULLEN MINK RANCH LIMITED. - as of: 2012-08-23 08:46 AM

Business/Organization Name:	JASON MULLEN MINK RANCH LIMITED
Registry ID:	1457041
Type:	N.S. Limited Company
Nature of Business:	
Status:	Active
Jurisdiction:	Nova Scotia
Registered Office:	315 RIVERDALE ROAD RIVERDALE NS Canada B0W 3T0
Mailing Address:	RR 4 WEYMOUTH NS Canada B0W 3T0

PEOPLE

Name	Position	Civic Address	Mailing Address
JASON LEONARD MULLEN	Director	RR 4 315 RIVERDALE ROAD WEYMOUTH NS B0W3T0	
PAULA JANET MULLEN	Director	RR 4 315 RIVERDALE ROAD WEYMOUTH NS B0W3T0	
JASON LEONARD MULLEN	PRESIDENT		
PAULA JANET MULLEN	SECRETARY		
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Special Resolution	1998-10-28
Annual Renewal	1997-08-21
Annual Renewal	1997-02-07
Annual Statement Filed	1997-02-07
Reinstated	1996-09-18

Revoked for Non-Payment	1996-01-31
Change of Directors	1994-10-04
Special Resolution	1994-10-04
Registered Office Change	1994-10-04
Agent Filed	1994-10-04
Annual Report Filed	1992-02-04
Incorporated	1982-01-05
Registered	1982-01-05

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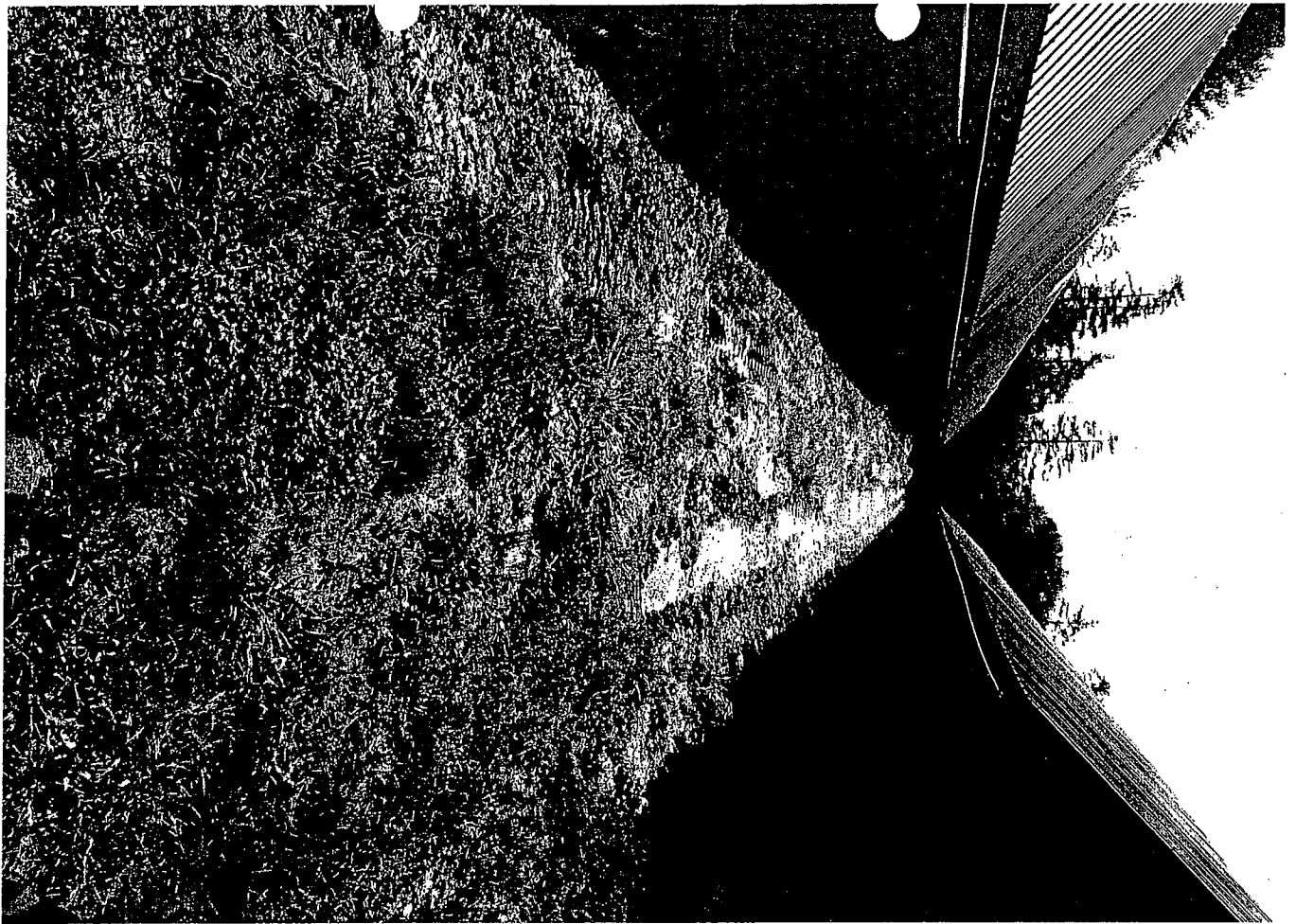
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August 31 2012 (KLD)

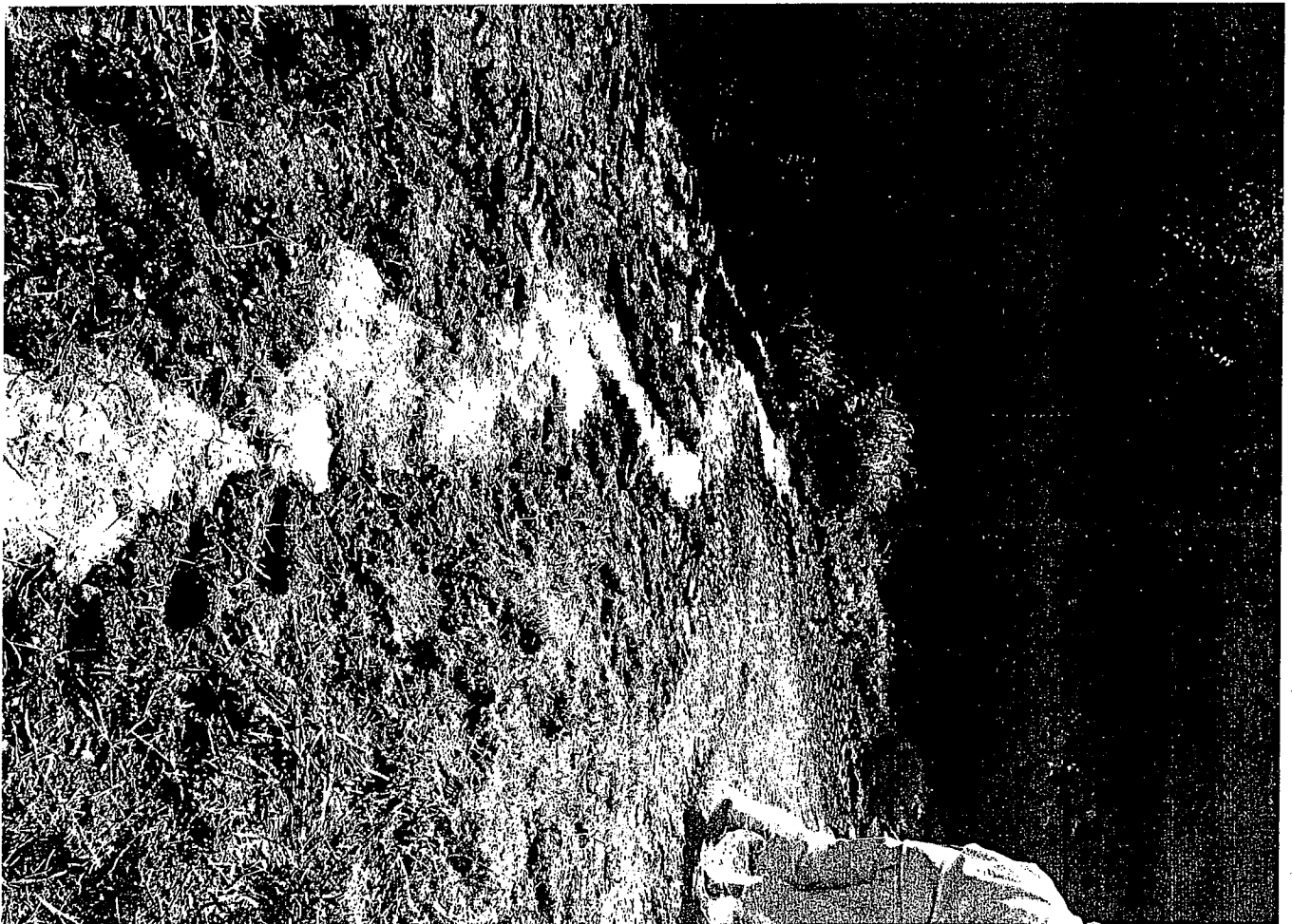


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August 21, 1958 (M)



August 20, 1900



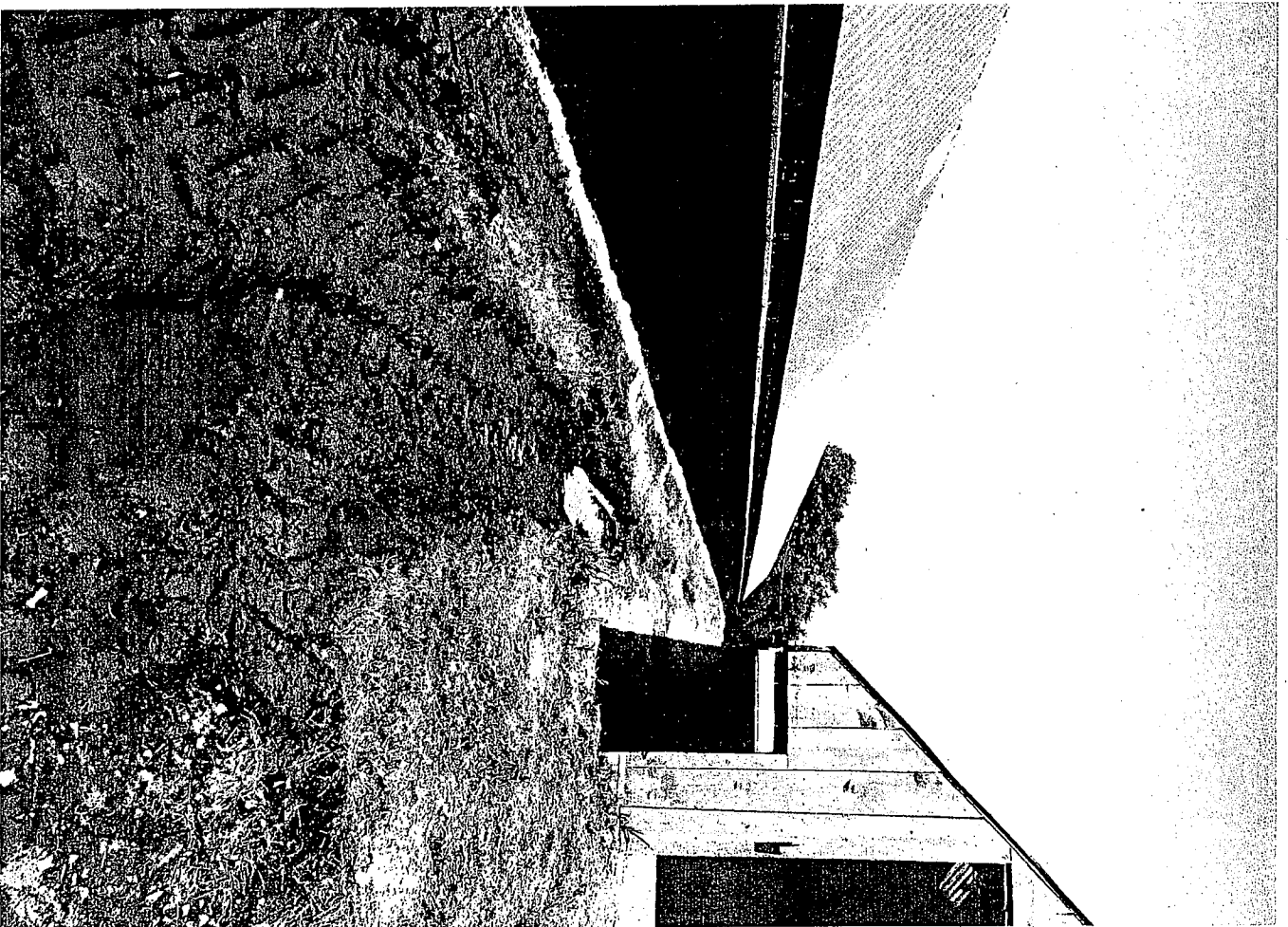
A. ... (20)



A. ...



A. 100 - 50



View of road (5)



A. ... (D)



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Environment Act DIRECTIVE

ISSUED TO: Terry C. Mullen

DATE ISSUED: August 21, 2012

MAILING ADDRESS: S.20

SITE NAME: Complaint release of substance from Mink Ranch - Little Lake Doucette -
408 Harrington Rd

SITE ADDRESS: 408 HARRINGTON RD. MAYFLOWER, NS

Pursuant to Environment Act, 71(b) the following action(s) must be completed by September 28, 2012:

Submit to Nova Scotia Environment an action plan which details how farm will control runoff to prevent the release of substance such as manure and waste feed from entering a sensitive environment such as a watercourse.

These measures are the minimum required. Additional measures may be needed and as such you are encouraged to secure the services of a firm/person with sufficient knowledge and experience to install/undertake permanent measures to treat or prevent the release.

Be advised that failing to undertake all measures as above is an offence and may result in further enforcement action. An investigation involving the alleged release of a substance continues and is separate from this requirement to take measures. The satisfactory provision of measures will not influence the investigation outcome.

Signature of Issuing Inspector:

This Directive was issued by Heather Macpherson, Inspector Specialist with Nova Scotia Environment, who may be contacted at:

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Supporting text where applicable:

Prohibition s.67 - (1) No person shall knowingly release or permit the release into the environment of a substance in an amount, concentration or level or at a rate of release that causes or may cause an adverse effect, unless authorized by an approval or the regulations. (2) No person shall release or permit

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Duty to take remedial measures s.71 - Any person responsible for the release of a substance under this Part shall, at that person's own cost, and as soon as that person knows or ought to have known of the release of a substance into the environment that has caused, is causing or may cause an adverse effect, (a) take all reasonable measures to(i) prevent, reduce and remedy the adverse effects of the substance, and (ii) remove or otherwise dispose of the substance in such a manner as to minimize adverse effects;(b) take any other measures required by an inspector or an administrator; and (c) rehabilitate the environment to a standard prescribed or adopted by the Department. Environment Act 1994-95, c. 1

Assistance to inspectors s.118 - The owner or occupier of any place, or any person the inspector reasonably believes is related to or associated with any activity at the place, in respect of which an inspector is exercising powers or carrying out duties pursuant to this Part shall(a)give the inspector all reasonable assistance to enable the inspector to exercise those powers and carry out those duties(b) furnish all information relative to the exercising of those powers and the carrying out of those duties that the inspector may reasonably require. Environment Act, 1994-95, c.1

Right of entry and inspection s.119 - For the purpose of the administration of this Act, an inspector, subject to Sections 22 and 120, may, at any reasonable time,(h) require the production of any documents that are required to be kept pursuant to this Act or any other documents that are related to the purpose for which the inspector is exercising any power under clauses (a) to (g). Environment Act, 1994-95, c.1



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INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection

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INSPECTION DATE: August 21, 2012 s.ab
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OVERVIEW OF INSPECTION

Inspection conducted of fur farm located at civic 408 Harrington Road, Mayflower in response to complaints received regarding release of mink waste to Little Lake Doucette. Farm name - Mink Ranch Limited (property owned by _____ leased to _____ and day to day operations Manager on site is _____)

Department of Agriculture representatives Jean Ward and Laurie Cochrane (Agricultural Engineer) present during inspection. Inspection team met on site with _____ and _____

- Approximately 300 breeding females and 15, 000 mink in total currently present at the ranch.
- Mink are taken to 340 Co-op fore processing.
- Manure and waste feed are composted separately on site.
- 22 barns on site for housing mink.

Ditching runs along the back of the upper barns which captures surface water draining from along the sides of the barns. Currently shavings and mink manure are on the ground along the length of the barns. A vegetated berm also runs along the ditching. On the other side of the berm is forested habitat which slopes down to to Little Lake Doucette. Distance to watercourse varies approximately 60-80 meters from the upslope ditching.

_____ and _____ report that with a previous rain event the ditching was full and the contents were no longer contained causing runoff down a forested slope to the lake and once they became aware of this release they report that action was taken to prevent any further release to the lake.

_____ relays that on August 19th the ditching was cleaned out with a tractor and the ditch was extended with a holding pond excavated at the end of the ditch as a means to prevent the release of substance from occurring again.

Observations regarding runoff from the ditching:

Path of release walked through the forested slope to the lakeshore with _____. Due to the extension/alteration at the southern end of the ditch the overflow point/location is not visible but the location was indicated by _____

A path approximately 2 meters wide on the lakeside of the ditching observed starting at the southern end of the original ditching and going down the slope leading to the lakeshore, a distance of approximately 80 meters. Shavings observed mixed in-waste material and soil along the path. A disruption of the natural vegetative forest floor growth along this path also observed. Small odor of mink waste/manure noted at _____

times along this path. It does not appear to be a conduit which has been formed for an extended period of time as in some places there are ferns and other vegetative growth which are bright green and bent over with stem intact along the edge of the deposited material. The path of deposited material has been seeded by the property owner. The area of lakeshore has also been seeded (an area approximately 5 sq meters).

Samples for total-coliform and e-coli taken from the lake at three different locations in the lake. Sample 1 (a) taken approximately 25-30 meters along the lake shore in a southerly direction from the area of release (UTM 19T 0735454 4887834). Sample 2(a) taken in front of the area where the release occurred (UTM 19 T 0735465 4887884). Sample 3(a) taken approximately 20-30 meters along the lake shore in a northerly direction from the area of release. Samples taken approximately 2 feet out in lake from the shoreline while reaching from the bank.

The ditch extension and pond excavation will require close monitoring during a rain event to evaluate it's effectiveness and remedial measures are required to be implemented to control surface water runoff from running through the waste along side of the barns and carrying it to the ditch. further clean out of ditching is planned. also reports S.20

Recommendations were provided by Department of Agriculture Representatives during the inspection.

Refer to Directive issued below.

The inspection report has been received by:

Signature: _____

Print Name of Person Signing: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Inspector: Heather Macpherson

Date: August 24, 2012

This inspection was conducted by Heather Macpherson, Inspector Specialist with Nova Scotia Environment, who may be contacted at:

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From: "Pick, Arthur" <PICKAA@gov.ns.ca>
To: "Cochrane, Laurie M" <COCHRALM@gov.ns.ca>, "Brooks, Derrick" <BROOKSDA@g...>
CC: "Horwich, Michael" <HORWICMF@gov.ns.ca>, "Ward, Jean" <WARDJE@gov.ns.ca>...
Date: 8/22/2012 11:55 AM
Subject: RE: Robert Huby farm

Thanks Laurie - we appreciate your and Jean's work on this.

Arthur

From: Cochrane, Laurie M
Sent: August-22-12 10:08 AM
To: Pick, Arthur; Brooks, Derrick
Cc: Horwich, Michael; Ward, Jean; Macpherson, Heather T
Subject: RE: Robert Huby farm

I visited the _____ farm on the Harrington Rd. , Digby Co , yesterday and I made the following recommendations:

1. Install nipple drinkers and do not use overflowing cup drinkers.
2. Extend the shed roofline so that roof water is deposited beyond the manure that is under the cages.
3. Cut down the area between the sheds so that manure water runs to the center line between the sheds. This should be 6 to 8 inches in depth along the center line. Grass should be seeded in this area.
4. The ditch at the bottom of the ranch , which overflowed and caused the manure stream in the video, has been extended and needs the pond outlet lowered. This ditch should be watched during a rain event and extended if runoff water reaches the lake.
5. Basically if the above recommendations are followed then only clean water should reach the ditch.
6. Apparently nipple drinkers have already been ordered.

Laurie C.

From: Pick, Arthur
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 11:08 AM
To: Cochrane, Laurie M; Brooks, Derrick
Cc: Horwich, Michael
Subject: RE: Laurie

Thanks Laurie. I have talked with _____ (who is leasing the _____ farm featured in the video) and he is planning to meet with you on site at 10 am.
Arthur

From: Cochrane, Laurie M
Sent: August-20-12 11:04 AM
To: Brooks, Derrick; Pick, Arthur
Subject: RE: Laurie

I am meeting _____ at 8:30 in Cornwallis.

Laurie C.

From: Brooks, Derrick
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 10:32 AM
To: Pick, Arthur
Cc: Cochrane, Laurie M
Subject: RE: Laurie
Done.

He was going to call *S. 20* for some additional background.

From: Pick, Arthur
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 10:13 AM
To: Brooks, Derrick
Subject: Laurie

Please let me know when you have confirmed tomorrow with Laurie

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