



## ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND TO HOST LARGEST AQUACULTURE FOCUSED CONFERENCE IN CANADIAN HISTORY

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On May 30, 2018, in Quebec City, World Aquaculture Society (WAS) signed a historical agreement to host WAS NORTH AMERICA 2020 in partnership with the Aquaculture Association of Canada (AAC) and Newfoundland & Labrador Aquaculture Industry Association (NAIA) on August 30 – September 2, 2020 at the St. John's Convention Centre, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

This will be the first collaborative meeting between AAC and WAS in many years. It is especially exciting that NAIA will join this collaboration also.

John Cooksey, Executive Director, World Aquaculture Society - *"WAS has been trying for many years to have a joint meeting in Canada and we are excited to have the opportunity to help organize a major Aquaculture Conference and Exposition in Canada. We look forward to the world aquaculture community focusing on Canadian Aquaculture innovation. Mark your calendars now!"*

Stefanie Colombo, President, Aquaculture Association of Canada – *"We are very excited that Canada will be the host of WAS North America 2020! The partnership among WAS, NAIA and AAC will undoubtedly yield a productive and inspiring meeting. We look forward to welcoming the global aquaculture community to our country!"*

Mark Lane, Executive Director NL Aquaculture Industry Association - *"We are absolutely thrilled and honoured to be selected as the location for WAS North America 2020. To have Newfoundland and Labrador recognized for its potential as an aquaculture growth area globally is a milestone that we are proud of. We look forward to sharing our success stories as an industry and our beautiful province as a world class tourist destination with aquaculture enthusiasts spanning all areas of the globe in 2020".*

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador is an ideal location for this meeting because of the fast-growing aquaculture community in the province and as a world class tourist destination as being the oldest city in North America.

For more information on Newfoundland and Labrador:

<http://www.newfoundlandlabrador.com>

The combined international conference and exposition is expected to draw over 2000 attendees from more than 100 countries and featuring 150 exhibits; the largest of its kind to ever be held in Canada.



(L-R) Back row: (current and past executive board members of AAC) Betty House, Joanne Liutkus, Cyr Couturier, Dr. Tillmann Benfey, Debbie Plouffe, Tara Daggett, Joanne Burry. Front row: Dr. Stefanie Colombo, President of AAC; John Cooksey, Executive Director of WAS; Mark Lane, Executive Director of NAIA

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