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CHESTER VILLAGE COMMISSION OPPOSES OPEN PEN FISH FARMS
Motion Passed Unanimously

VILLAGE OF CHESTER – At their regular meeting on February 12, 2020, Chester Village Commissioners voted unanimously in favour of a motion to oppose all open pen fin fish farms off the coast of Nova Scotia.

“We support economic development in the area,” said Commission Chair Bill Nauss. “However, it’s critical that we protect our waters for the lobster fishery, non-fin fish aquaculture, and recreation for residents and visitors.” Mr. Nauss went on to say, “We would consider supporting proposals for land-based fin fish farms.”

The decision to oppose open net fin fish farms came after discussion on presentations made to the Commission in January and attending a presentation made to Chester Municipal Council on February 6, 2020.

About the Chester Village Commission: The Village of Chester Commission is comprised of five Village residents who are elected by their fellow villagers to serve a 3-year term. As well as contracting fire services with the Chester Volunteer Fire Department and Village beautification, the Village owns and operates the Lido Pool and the public washrooms adjacent to it; owns and maintains the Jib Lot as an open space for Village residents and visitors, and owns and maintains the Emergency Health Services building, next to the fire hall.

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