



**Fisheries and Aquaculture  
Minister**

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Warden Richard Donaldson  
Municipality of the District of Argyle  
PO Box 10  
Tusket, NS B0W 3M0

Dear Warden Richard Donaldson:

I am writing to inform you about a funding program that the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture has launched and ask for your support.

Nova Scotia is known for its clean coastal and ocean environment from which our seafood comes. Marine debris harms both our environment and our economy. Our seafood industry has been undertaking efforts to clean up our shores and oceans in some areas of the province and we want to encourage and support these efforts.

We have established the Marine Debris Clean-Up program which provides financial support to remove debris from areas that are of commercial and social importance to the seafood sector of Nova Scotia. Please see the attached program package for more information or visit <https://novascotia.ca/fish/marine-clean-up/>.

Covid-19 temporarily restricted the ability to conduct clean-ups. Now that restrictions are changing and our province is entering a new 'normal', organizations may be able to consider clean-ups that can be conducted safely following public health guidelines.

The removal of debris from our oceans and shorelines will support the pristine image of our coastal communities and have direct benefits to tourism. I recognize that municipalities play a vital role in this effort, and I encourage you to consider your current and future involvement. Municipal waste and recycling charges can be an impediment to clean-up efforts. Waiving these fees for clean-up projects may be one way that you can provide support.

If you have questions about the Marine Debris Clean-Up program, or would like to discuss your municipality's involvement, please contact Amber Creamer at (902)237-7146 or [amber.creamer@novascotia.ca](mailto:amber.creamer@novascotia.ca).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Colwell".

Honourable Keith Colwell, E.C.N.S