Report of Recipient's Progress
on Economic Development Assistance Agreement
Province of Nova Scotia
*(subsection 5(2) of the Accountability in Economic Development Assistance Act, and
the Accountability in Economic Development Assistance Regulations)*

Under the Act, the Minister is responsible for publishing a report that documents the progress made by a recipient of economic development assistance in meeting the targets or timelines defined in their economic development assistance agreement. Progress must be published on a 6-month cycle and is summarized below for the reporting period for this report, as specified in Part 2 of this form.

Part 1 – Recipient Company Details

Company	Université Sainte-Anne Marine Research Centre
Fund name	Invest Nova Scotia Fund
Type of assistance	Non-repayable contribution
Agreement date	November 22, 2021
Agreement business activities	Upgrades to Marine Research Centre in Petit de Grat

Part 2 – Reporting Period for this report
A recipient of economic development assistance from the Province of Nova Scotia is required by law to submit a report every 6 months on their progress in meeting the targets or timelines defined in their agreement with the Province. The reporting period for this report is indicated below.

Reporting Period	Due Date	Year
[X] October 2021-March 2022	May 1	2022

Part 3 – Progress of Recipient for Reporting Period
The following table summarizes the recipient's progress report to the Minister for the reporting period for this report, as specified in Part 2. The information contained in this Table was submitted by the recipient and the recipient is responsible for its accuracy.

Table 2

Targets / Timelines	Progress made during Reporting Period	Comments
- Hub clients: 2/month	-2 new clients are identified in this time period: (i) Premium Seafoods & Meri-Nov; (ii) Humane Solutions	Projects include: (i) technology transfer for design and operation of small scale seaweed hatchery; (ii) evaluation of new method for humanely euthanizing live lobster
- Experimental testing	-Continuation of experimental work on Best Practices for lobster handling and holding	- With the start of the spring lobster season, work is currently focusing on field sampling, specifically on board lobster vessels.
- Training courses	-Continuation of NS Lobster Handling Courses.	-Total of 3 virtual 4 and face-to-face courses in preparation for the Spring 2022 lobster season in NS and NL. -Promotion of NS Brand Certification ongoing
Brand Certification applications	- Certified companies preparing for Spring/Summer audit	
Research Funding: $500k/yr in	-Completion of contract with Perennia for snow crab course development ($8000) -Service Canada Summer Jobs ($4300)	2-AFF awards have not yet been made public (approved 2020); ACOA award not yet been made public (approved Dec 10, 2021)
Lab facilities time and space use in Year 1	-Facility design & upgrades continue; -Ongoing Lobster supply chain best practices experiments;	-Interior work continues -Working with Premium Seafoods & MeriNov on the design and construction of a small scale seaweed hatchery for summer 2022
Classroom/ Boardroom facilities use (Virtual and Face-to-Face ongoing)	-NS Lobster Handling Courses ongoing	-3 virtual and 4 in person courses delivered in March & April 2022, in advance of Spring lobster season. In person courses delivered on site for live lobster companies
NS Brand awareness in international markets	-Ongoing Promotion of NS Brand through the Live Lobster Quality Certification Program.	-To date, the Program has certified 6 companies with 5 more preparing for assessment in 2022 -Promotion of the Program at the Seafood Expo in Barcelona, Spain

Part 4 – Status of agreement with recipient at end of this reporting period
The status of the agreement between the recipient and the Province, as determined by the Minister, is:

[X]   Open - undisbursed
[ ]   Open – partially disbursed
[ ]   Open – fully disbursed

[ ]   Completed
[ ]   Cancelled / Withdrawn

Amount disbursed: $0

Comments (if applicable)