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Public Statement: St. Mary's River Smokehouses to close

(Blacks Harbour, NB) – St. Mary's River Smokehouses production of smoked salmon will be relocated from Sherbrooke, NS, to the Atlantic Fish Specialties Ltd. facilities in Charlottetown, PEI at the end of June.

The 18 employees of St. Mary's River Smokehouses will be offered employment elsewhere with the parent company, Cooke Aquaculture.

The opportunity for increased operational efficiencies and utilizing more modern equipment at the PEI facility are the primary reasons for this transition. St. Mary's River Smokehouses will operate until June 22 at which time the head office and production facility will be closed.

"We are very appreciative and thankful for our dedicated employees and the community of Sherbrooke and Municipality of the District of St. Mary's. We are working with them to make this transition as smooth as possible and we are offering employment in other divisions of our company," said Glenn Cooke, CEO of Cooke Aquaculture, the Blacks Harbour, NB, parent company of St. Mary's River Smokehouses.

Cooke Aquaculture acquired St. Mary's River Smokehouses in October of 2017. The company employs 18 people. There are 86 working at Atlantic Fish Specialties Ltd. in Charlottetown.

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