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Attached is the December 2<sup>nd</sup> report to sent to DNR to project the harvest schedule for the remaining fish at both locations. The spreadsheet will be updated each week and sent to DNR at the COB each Friday.

Harvest volume (number of fish per week) was increased by 250% last week from the previous 20,000 fish per week average which had been occurring since the end of October. Clam Bay harvested approximately 50,000 pieces last week, and we are scheduled for another 50,000 this week. Meeting DNR's arbitrary deadline of January 14<sup>th</sup> is not possible even at a substantially accelerated rate due to travel times to and from the Hope Island site to the processing plant by the harvest vessel, the harvest operation loading time, and the reduced processing capacity occurring over the holidays when the plants will be closed down. This is not to mention any potential harvest cancellations due to adverse weather conditions at the sea sites. Cooke has expressed these concerns and others to DNR. The safety of our employees and the safe operation of the farm sites takes priority over DNR's artificial and unnecessarily short deadline.

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