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RPC Welcomes Hon. Michael Olscamp, Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries

Fredericton, March 11, 2011 - RPC recently hosted Minister Olscamp and senior officials from his department for a briefing on RPC and a facility tour. RPC works closely with the Aquaculture Division and other government departments to provide laboratory analyses and applied research services.

During the visit, a presentation was made reviewing RPC's history and role as New Brunswick's provincial research organization (PRO). PROs are provincial crown corporations mandated to facilitate the applied research needs of the provincial economy. Formed in 1962, RPC has a staff of 98 scientists, engineers and technologists that deliver services to over 800 clients annually.

During the tour, RPC demonstrated examples of applied research and technical services that are provided to New Brunswick's energy, manufacturing, natural resource, environment, aquaculture, mining and health care sectors. RPC specializes in market-led innovation, that is innovation that originates from market need. During the tour, the Minister observed projects addressing challenges and opportunities identified by industry.

In addition to a wide range of diagnostic services, ongoing aquaculture research at RPC includes the development of new ISAV and SAV test assays, improved antivirus products, DNA-based traceability and probiotics research for improved larvae survival rates and other applications.

To learn more about RPC, visit www.rpc.ca.

About RPC

RPC is New Brunswick's provincial research organization (PRO), an independent contract research and development and technical services organization located in Fredericton and Moncton, New Brunswick. RPC's complement of 98 scientists, engineers, technologists and support staff work from a 13,000 sq. meter facility housing world-class analytical chemistry and material-testing laboratories, comprehensive life science capabilities, an internationally recognized fish health lab, extensive prototype design, manufacturing and testing services, and a wide variety of pilot facilities for the development and improvement of industrial and environmental processes and products. RPC recently established a satellite laboratory to serve clients from the Moncton area.

RPC is accredited by various organizations including the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) and is ISO 9001:2008 certified. Further information about RPC's services is available from www.rpc.ca.

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Photo: Dr. Benjamin Forward (on the right), Department Head, RPC, explains research activities in RPC's Food, Fisheries and Aquaculture group. Looking on from the left are Kathy Brewer-Dalton (DAAF), Minister Olscamp, Eric Cook (CEO, RPC), Stephen Fox (COO, RPC) and Jean-Marc Dupuis (DAAF).