Appendix 3- Consent form to participate in research

Topic: "Sustainability of pond and cage fish farming systems in Ashanti, Bono, Eastern and

Volta regions in Ghana" Researcher: Belinda Pascaline Agyei, Student, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU), email: beow@nmbu.no/bowusu2000@gmail.com Note: Participation in this research is voluntary. Date: Name (Optional): ☐ I have read and understood the study information dated or it has been read to me. I have been able to ask questions about the study and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. ☐ I freely accept to be a participant in this study and understand that I have the right to skip questions I am not comfortable to answer and that I can withdraw from the study at any time up until May 2021, without having to give a reason. ☐ I agree with the interview/focus group being ☐ audio recorded ☐ video recorded If you are participating in a focus group interview: ☐ I agree to maintain the confidentiality of the focus group discussions ☐ I understand that the information I provide will be used for a Master's thesis research and that the information will be anonymised. ☐ I agree that the information I provide can be quoted in research outputs. If you don't mind your name being used in quotes: \square I agree that my real name can be used for quotes. ☐ I don't want my name to be assigned to quotes, it should be anonymised ☐ I understand that any personal information that can identify me – such as my name, address, will be kept confidential and not shared with anyone ☐ I consent that information I provide can be deposited in a data archive so that it may be used for future research.

Research participant

Belinda Pascaline Agyei Student/Researcher