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*Regional Superintendent
Navigable Waters Protection
Canadian Coast Guard
Department of Fisheries and Oceans
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Dear Sir:

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARINE TERMINAL WHITE'S COVE

I feel that a terminal at White's Cove will have a negative effect on marine navigation along the coastline of the Bay of Fundy in that area.

The ground fishery will suffer because boats have fished in that area for years and have traveled along the shore. The marine terminal would cause navigational problems in the transit of both large and small boats, which would have to go around the terminal. Large barges will need lots of water to navigate to and from the terminal.

The terminal will have an impact on the lobster boats. Fishermen in and around this vicinity will have to keep clear of a very large area that has been lobster-fishing grounds for years.

The whale population will be endangered. These mammals feed along the White's Cove shoreline chasing herring. Barges will endanger an already-fragile stock.

The approval of the traffic lane closer to the Nova Scotia coast puts a lot more traffic entering the Bay of Fundy traffic zone. A terminal will cause concerns for the entire fishery in this area with large barges trying to enter and exit without tugboats. Tugboats are stationed in Saint John. If problems occur at this terminal, help is too far away.

I hope that your department will take an open approach to this project by considering these concerns, instead of letting large companies rule with big numbers.

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Department of Fisheries and Oceans

When your decisions are made on the good of a project this size, try to consider the effects of all the "small" impacts of the fishery, as well as the environmental impact on marine life, which I have been told by your department is "most important."

Yours truly,

Walker Fisheries Ltd.

