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Superintendent, Navigable Waters Protection  
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Dear Sir:

Recently it has been brought to my attention, that an American company is planning to build a pier at White's Cove, Digby County. The proposed pier would extend 200 meters or 600ft from shore and would definitely be dangerous to small boats that fish along this Bay Of Fundy shore. Any wharfs along this shore are in coves and offer protection. This proposed structure would only be an obstacle that would offer no protection what so ever.

You would not be able to go under this pier in a boat. You would have to sail around it. This could be very dangerous in rough weather. It in no way would provide protection for a small boat in trouble. It would be similar to stringing a cable across a trail where ATV travel. Many of these small boats don't have radar and sophisticated navigation equipment.

Since DFO has recently decided not to keep up many of the wharfs like Sandy Cove West and Whale Cove, these small boats have to travel farther along the shore at night and in foggy rough weather. Sometimes staying close along the shore is your only protection. Imagine coming upon this structure in a snowstorm and strong winds. I can't imagine anyone even considering building a structure like this on the Bay of Fundy ,where there is no protection From the North, Northeast, West, and Southwest winds.

Sincerely  
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President, Whale Cove Harbour Authority