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Re: Deposit # 2704  
White Cove, Digby Neck, N.S.

Superintendent,

We are writing to express our strong objection to the proposal to construct a marine terminal at White Point, Digby Neck. The construction phase and the finished structure, and the activity around this, would interfere greatly with shipping from Sandy Cove to Petite Passage and beyond. Especially vulnerable would be comparatively small craft such as fishing boats and boats used for recreation including kayaks.

- The Fundy coast is a hazardous area for shipping with high tides, storms and a rocky shoreline.
- The proposed marine terminal, jutting out so far from the shore and with a large ship berthed at the end, would force small craft to go out to sea a considerable distance to get around the obstacle.
- Large ships coming and going, or moored against the berthing dolphins at the end of the structure would create additional hazards for small craft.
- There is, of course, the added hazard of ships being damaged by storms and leaking oil, also the introduction of foreign species from the pumping out of ballast water.
- Over time, the silting up of the area will become a problem.

Sincerely,

