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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing this note to support the concerns of some of my neighbours on the Digby Neck who are inshore and/or lobster fishermen, regarding the proposed bulk carrier marine terminal at White's Cove on the Bay of Fundy. I would mention in particular the following issues:

- 1) To be stable, a bulk carrier without cargo must carry ballast water from its point of departure until its cargo is loaded at its destination. It would thus have to unload its ballast water close to shore at the proposed marine terminal. This ballast water may contain toxins and/or bacteria not native to the Digby Neck and harmful to local fish and fauna.
- 2) Digby Neck tidal currents and weather conditions could be hazardous to the handling of a large bulk carrier so close to rocky shores without the services of a tug boat. Even when secured to the terminal it would be exposed to sudden changes of weather.
- 3) The above mentioned conditions would be even more hazardous at a protruding point of land such as the proposed site at White's Cove.
- 4) Small fishing and lobster boats while traversing the shores of the Digby Neck would need to stay beyond the proposed terminal. This would force them into rougher water, especially if weather changes occur while they are out for the day.
- 5) The structure itself may interfere with the habitat of fish and lobster in the area of the proposed marine terminal.

I trust that all of these matters will be considered when evaluating this proposed marine terminal.

