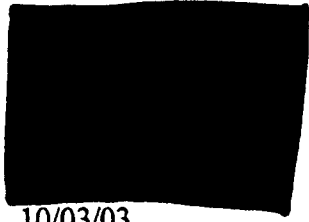


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Subject: Marine Terminal Whites Point Quarry

As a fourth-generation fisherman with 30 years of experience, I wish to state my opposition to the construction of the WHITES POINT QUARRY MARINE TERMINAL. The movement of ships to and from this terminal represents a threat to all vessels and fishing gear that have traditionally used this area.

Other concerns would include the introduction of bio-invasers from ballast water and damage to the whale population. Tourism would be negatively impacted and has been a significant contributor to the local economy.

However, my overriding concern has to be the safety of all that frequent these waters. The proposed design is inadequate for the intended purpose. For at least six months of the year this area can be affected by severe weather. The structure itself represents only a hazard to vessels, offering no protection to anyone seeking shelter, but forcing them to travel through more extreme sea conditions to reach one of the few harbours on this shore.

The time that is required to load a ship at this terminal presents an unacceptable risk on an unprotected shoreline subject to rapidly changing and severe weather conditions.

All wharves on the Bay of Fundy shore of Digby Neck require the protection of armour stone to withstand the effects of wind and sea.

The proposed site of White's Point Quarry Marine Terminal is on an unprotected shoreline at a point where the rate of tide is increased resulting in larger seas than surrounding areas.

"The tidal streams along the bold shoreline of Long Island and Digby Neck run parallel to the shore at a rate of 2 to 2.5 knot. The roughest conditions here are experienced when these currents oppose southwesterly or northeasterly gales, both of which can bring large seas. Fog is more frequent over Brier Island, Long Island and Digby Neck (especially southern shores) than over coastal sections northeast of Centreville."

From "SCOTIA / FUNDY MARINE WEATHER GUIDE"

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Winds from the North, Northwest and West all hammer this shore for much of the year. The weather reports from the Environment Canada Marine Forecast document the fact that wind velocities on this shore are consistently higher. E.g. Brier Island as compared to Yarmouth.

The location of this terminal will be a significant hazard to commercial fishing vessels that travel these waters on a daily basis when the weather permits, as well as any recreational boaters who may venture into this area.

I trust that you will consider this matter very carefully. The lives of my crew, others and myself that frequent these waters could hang in the balance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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