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### Select a Project:

Eigg Mountain Wind Project

### Comments:

This project is very harmful to the local environment- wind turbines cause noise pollution, wildlife mortality, and visual impacts on landscapes. Residents nearby may experience annoyance and stress from audible noise and low-frequency vibrations. Turbines also cause bird and bat fatalities through collisions.

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### City/Town

Oyster Pond

**Postal Code**

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Eigg Mountain Wind Project

### Comments:

This land has historical significance as the homestead of our original settlers who were cleared from Scotland. There still exist many settlement ruins on the mountain that are visited by descendants of those who came before us. The land currently is used by recreationalists who are drawn back to the land to spend time in its beautiful state. Keep it wild.

### Name:

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### City/Town

Antigonish

**Postal Code**

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### Select a Project:

Eigg Mountain Wind Project

### Comments:

Please don't choose money over protecting our environment and all the beautiful things that nature has to offer on Eigg Mountain. This project may provide jobs for a short period but it will cause damage forever to the area and animals that can't be undone

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#### Select a Project:

Eigg Mountain Wind Project

#### Comments:

This will ruin the mountain

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#### City/Town

Antigonish

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B2G 2L2

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### Select a Project:

### Comments:

Our family has been connected to Eigg Mountain for hundreds of years. \_\_\_\_\_ were raised in Pleasant Valley and spent a good part of their life on Eigg Mountain. I remember the concern when the Crown clear cut acre after acre of land on the Mountain and there was little concern for the environment or wildlife. People said "Well we guess that's progress, it'll grow back again stronger". Well, if the Wind Project goes ahead and the land is again taken for Progress, the Mountain will not "grow" back, power lines will scar the horizon mile after mile and the people again will pay the price for "progress" with little or no benefit from the destruction by such a Wind Project. Leave Eigg Mountain be, it's done its fair share for progress. Progress is supposed to benefit the many and not a select few. The cons outweigh the pros of this project. For once, put people, the land, the Environment and Wildlife first and not politics.

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### Select a Project:

Eigg Mountain Wind Project

### Comments:

These are detrimental to the local environment and eco-systems in the area...the wildlife and the lakes and all other things can be affected by the wind turbines, in including noise, much more. Think about our beautiful NS.

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### Select a Project:

### Comments:

This will undoubtedly effect the endangered population of mainland Moose.  
I DON'T support this or ANY OTHER wind project in Nova Scotia.

The People are being lied to, China makes these windmills and they don't use them! That should tell you all you need to know.  
Follow the money from these projects, you'll trace it back to the people pushing them!

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The Maritime Regional Aboriginal Leaders  
Intergovernmental Council of Aboriginal Peoples  
Continuing to Reside on Traditional Ancestral Homelands

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### Native Council of Nova Scotia

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### Native Council of Prince Edward Island

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### New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council

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Tel: 709-861-9101/9102  
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March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Environmental Assessment Branch

P.O. Box 442  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
B3J 2P8

## RE: Eigg Mountain Wind Project

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Native Council of Nova Scotia (NCNS), the Maritime Aboriginal Aquatic Resources Secretariate (MAARS) is providing comments to the Environmental Assessment Branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change regarding the Environmental Assessment Registration Document (EARD) for the Eigg Mountain Wind Project being undertaken by Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc.

Section 10 of the EARD describes the potential project interactions with terrestrial wildlife, particularly Mainland Moose. This development encompasses area that is both within the Mainland Moose Concentration Area but also an area of Core Habitat for this species. The clearance footprint of this project anticipates the clearing of 85 hectares of mature forest cover, as well as 168 hectares of foraging habitat, both of which meet the habitat requirements identified in the Mainland Moose Recovery Plan. Much of the project area also consists of habitat which scores between 4-6 on the Habitat Suitability Index. In accordance with the Recovery Plan, any habitat scoring between 4-9 is identified as a 'priority focus for protection and management' and that we need to 'ensure conditions for HSI 4 and 5 are maintained'. To ensure meaningful protection and long-term stewardship of key habitat for Mainland Moose, we must acknowledge that ongoing development and the safeguarding of essential Core Habitat cannot coexist in the same space. There is a need to approach development activities in core habitat with far greater caution and scrutiny if we hope to see true recovery of Mainland Moose.

With this, we call upon the Province of Nova Scotia to commit seriously to the Recovery Plan for Mainland Moose and focus management to “*maintain existing identified high-quality habitat as well as enhancing habitat suitability in the remainder of the Core Habitat with the goal of improving future HSI rankings*”. Developments such as this across Mainland Moose habitat continue to shrink the area acceptable to an already at-risk species that is also culturally significant to the Mi’kmaq people. It is not acceptable to continually decimate or fragment the habitat available to Mainland Moose.

We also request that a Wildlife Management Plan be developed, including provisions for continuous Mainland Moose and White-Tailed Deer monitoring throughout the lifetime of the project. This is especially important given that the Mainland Moose Recovery Plan lists renewable energy development as a medium impact activity, with moderate severity impacts due to habitat loss, fragmentation, and stress from light disturbance. Additionally, the proximity of this project to numerous deer wintering areas indicates the need to also monitor for White-Tailed Deer.

As noted in Section 1.3 and Figure 1.3, this project is situated both adjacent to, and through, portions of the Eigg Mountain-James River Wilderness Area, which serves as important habitat for many bird species that require large, contiguous forest cover. Given the proximity of this project to the Wilderness Area, we have concerns over the potential effects of this project and the proximity of such a significant development without any prescribed setback distances from a *protected area*.

MAARS notes that during the biophysical assessments, no dedicated migratory bat surveys were completed, even though acoustic monitoring detected their presence. Although migratory bats are not currently listed under the Species at Risk Act (SARA), they have been assessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) as endangered and are likely to be listed within the lifetime of the project. Additionally, the *Guide to Addressing Wildlife Species and Habitat in an EA Registration Document* highlights the priority species and habitats to be considered, which is inclusive of those species assessed by COSEWIC as endangered.

Within the Potential Effects and Mitigation (Section 11.3.1), it is unclear whether the proponent has incorporated mitigation measures during the post-construction/operational phase of this project. These mitigation measures can be critical to ensuring the safety of birds and bats, and particularly those species which are migratory. The three migratory species in Nova Scotia (Hoary Bat, Eastern Red Bat, and Silver-haired bat) have recently been assessed by COSEWIC as endangered. One of the key threats identified in COSEWIC’s assessment report was wind energy development, classifying wind energy as having a high to very high impact on this species and other migratory bat species, even acknowledging that the current projections of fatality rates by wind farms are likely gross underestimates. COSEWIC identifies turbine curtailment during key periods as an important mitigation measure, with the potential to reduce fatalities by up to 50%. MAARS recommends that the proponent, in collaboration with ECCC’s Canadian Wildlife Service, develop mitigation measures and curtailment protocols for migratory bats to ensure the protection of these at-risk species.

Additionally, the mitigation measures lack consideration for the timing of activities outside of key migration and nesting periods for both birds and bats. Mitigation measures for all avifauna (birds

and bats) must also include consideration of the timing of vegetation management and herbicide spraying, which are key factors in protecting migratory bats, and these activities, as well as removals of potential roosting habitat, must be done outside the key season for these species.

Finally, cultural and heritage resources must be treated with the utmost care. Information within the EARD notes the proximity to seven registered archeological sites and 11 High Potential Areas (HPAs) in the project development area. While this number has been reduced to three through project layout changes, even a small chance of disturbing cultural resources must be treated as a serious concern. We expect the proponent will undertake all necessary measures to protect and preserve archeological resources in this area, through diligent work practices and consistent involvement of certified archeologists during ground disturbing activities.

### *For contextual purposes*

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We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that it is important for all proponents of projects to understand that the Off-Reserve Aboriginal Community represented by the NCNS is included within the definition of the word “Indian” of Section 91(24) of the *Constitution Act*, 1982. The Supreme Court of Canada in a landmark decision in *Daniels v. Canada (Indian Affairs and Northern Development)*, 2016 SCC 12, declared that “the exclusive Legislative Authority of the Parliament of Canada extends to all Indians, and Lands reserved for the Indians” and that the word “Indians” in s.91(24) includes the Métis and non-Status Indians<sup>1</sup>. Since 2004, in multiple decisions passed by the Supreme Court of Canada: *Haida Nation*<sup>2</sup>, *Taku River Tlingit First Nation*<sup>3</sup>, and *Mikisew Cree First Nation*<sup>4</sup>, has established that,

“Where accommodation is required in decision making that may adversely affect as yet unproven Aboriginal Rights and title claims, the Crown must balance Aboriginal concerns reasonably with the potential impact of the decision on the asserted right or title and with other societal interests.”

Further, both the Government of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada are aware that the “Made in Nova Scotia Process” and the *Mi’kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Consultation Terms of Reference* does not circumvent the Provincial Government’s responsibility to hold consultations with other organizations in Nova Scotia that represent Indigenous Peoples of Nova Scotia. While the proponent may have to engage with the thirteen Mi’kmaq First Nations through the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi’kmaq Chiefs, represented by the Kwilmu’kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO), the KMKNO does not represent the Off-Reserve Aboriginal Community who have elected to be represented by the NCNS since 1974.

We assert that the Off-Reserve Aboriginal Communities, as 91(24) Indians, are undeniably heirs to Treaty Rights and beneficiaries of Aboriginal Rights as substantiated by Canada’s own Supreme

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<sup>1</sup> *Daniels v. Canada (Indian Affairs and Northern Development)*, No. 35945 (Supreme Court of Canada 2016).

<sup>2</sup> *Haida Nation v. British Columbia (Minister of Forests)*, 3 SCR 511 (Supreme Court of Canada 2004).

<sup>3</sup> *Taku River Tlingit First Nation v. British Columbia (Project Assessment Director)*, 3 SCR 550 (Supreme Court of Canada 2004).

<sup>4</sup> *Mikisew Cree First Nation v. Canada (Minister of Canadian Heritage)*, 3 SCR 388 (Supreme Court of Canada 20051124).

Court jurisprudence. As such, there is absolutely an obligation to consult with the Off-Reserve Community through their elected representative body of the NCNS. The Crown's duty is to consult with all Indians, not only the Indian Act Bands.

For over forty years, the three Native Council partners of the Maritime Aboriginal People's Council (MAPC) have continued to be the Aboriginal Peoples Representative Organizations representing and advocating for the Rights and issues of the Mi'kmaq/Wolastoqiyik/Peskotomuhkati/Section 91 (24) Indians, both Status and non-Status, continuing to reside on their unceded Traditional Ancestral Homelands. In the early 1970s, the communities recognized the need for representation and advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the off-Reserve community of Aboriginal Peoples, "the forgotten Indian". Women and men self-organized themselves to be the "voice to the councils of government" for tens of thousands of community members left unrepresented by Indian Act-created Band Councils and Chiefs. Based on the Aboriginal Identity question, Statistics Canada (2021 Census - 25% sample) enumerate 25,415 off-Reserve Aboriginal Persons in New Brunswick, 42,580 in Nova Scotia, and 2,865 in Prince Edward Island.

Each Native Council in their respective province asserts Treaty Rights, Aboriginal Rights, with Interest in Other Rights confirmed in court decisions, recognized as existing Aboriginal and Treaty Rights of the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada in Part II of the Constitution Act of Canada, 1982. Each Native Council has established and maintains Natural Harvesting Regimes, and each have a co-management arrangement with DFO for Food, Social, and Ceremonial use of aquatic species, through the: Najiwsgetaq Nomehs (NBAPC), the Netukulimkewe'l Commission (NCNS), and the Kelewatl Commission (NCPEI).

The Native Council of Nova Scotia was organized in 1974 and represents the interests, needs, and rights of Off-Reserve Status and Non-Status Section 91(24) Indians/Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal Peoples continuing to live on our Traditional Ancestral Homelands throughout Nova Scotia as Heirs to Treaty Rights, Beneficiaries of Aboriginal Rights, with Interests to Other Rights, including Land Claim Rights.

The Native Council of Nova Scotia (NCNS) Community of Off-Reserve Status and Non-Status Indians/Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal Peoples supports projects, works, activities and undertakings which do not significantly alter, destroy, impact, or affect the sustainable natural life ecosystems or natural eco-scapes formed as hills, mountains, wetlands, meadows, woodlands, shores, beaches, coasts, brooks, streams, rivers, lakes, bays, inland waters, and the near-shore, mid-shore and off-shore waters, to list a few, with their multitude of in-situ biodiversity. Our NCNS Community has continued to access and use the natural life within those ecosystems and eco-scapes where the equitable sharing of benefits arising from projects and undertakings serve a beneficial purpose towards progress in general and demonstrate the sustainable use of the natural wealth of Mother Earth, with respect for the Constitutional Treaty Rights, Aboriginal Rights, and Other Rights of the Native Council of Nova Scotia Community continuing throughout our Traditional Ancestral Homeland in the part of Mi'kma'ki now known as Nova Scotia.

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We would appreciate an opportunity to engage on the Eigg Mountain Wind Project with the proponent, Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc, directly. We respectfully request that these

concerns be addressed in full and that further engagement with the Native Council of Nova Scotia and local communities be prioritized as this project moves forward. We look forward to further dialogue as we continue to advocate for the rights of Off-Reserve Status and Section 91(24) Indians/Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal Peoples of Nova Scotia. To continue to represent the interests and needs of the off-Reserve Aboriginal Community in Nova Scotia, we would like to request the opportunity to participate in early engagement in future Environmental Assessment Reviews.

Advancing Aboriginal Fisheries and Oceans Entities  
Best Practices, Management, and Decision-making

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It's a shame to displace the main population of our remaining mainland moose. I am all for renewable energy BUT not for taking away from an animal we have done so much to protect. Most people are never lucky enough to spot a mainland moose. This project will take that opportunity away from so many more.

We want the wind farm, just not in our endangered mainland moose's house.

Electrician Monday to Friday  
Outdoorsman Saturday and Sunday

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### Select a Project:

Eigg Mountain Wind Project

### Comments:

I am writing in opposition to this project.  
  
I don't want to be a naysayer or rail against green technology - it just can't be at the expense of the environment and critically endangered species. Nova Scotia has not been a steward for the land and its original inhabitants, and it's been a shame to see so much destruction done in the name of quick-built housing. There must be an alternative plan to fit everyone's needs. Even a small risk to the mainland moose is too much. Surely Nova Scotia can build and advance its future while thinking intelligently and sustainably. One doesn't need at the expense of another.

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Dear Sir or Madam;

I have been asked to forward the attached letter to your attention, the comments of which are intended for the above environmental assessment review due today, March 30, 2026.

Regards,

March 30, 2026

To Whom It May Concern

**RE: Eigg Mountain Wind Project**

Greetings:

**Eigg Mountain Wind Project** estimates the project will produce 150 MW of renewable energy following an approved Environmental Assessment.

**Eigg Mountain Wind Project** will aid in carbon reduction of the Nova Scotia electrical grid.

Economic and community benefits that arise from a successful **Eigg Mountain Wind Farm** will have positive outcomes to the County of Antigonish and locally through community benefits funds.

A project of this magnitude will have some unknowns. Solutions will need to be found as issues become identified. We have confidence Renewable Energy Systems has the expertise to responsibly develop this project.

We support Eigg Mountain Wind Project.

Regards;

**Friends of Arisaig Park**

Arisaig NS

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Eigg Mountain Wind Project

### Comments:

I am strongly requesting that you halt the wind energy project in this highly sensitive Mainland Moose habitat!  
Please work with the Mainland Moose Recovery team....if there are any people left on it, after your disastrous cuts to the Wildlife division, to ensure that the core moose habitat is protected! Also you must work collaboratively with the local people and citizen scientists who know and love this area!

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Eigg Mountain Wind Project

### Comments:

There is little to no regard for wildlife and their habitats in Nova Scotia. Moose are not adaptable as say deer are. These animals need a much more isolated and particular environment. The areas that these wind farms are proposed to be erected are the same areas moose need to sustain themselves. It shouldn't even have to said that the mainland moose is an endangered species. Pretty much any other place on the entire planet have laws and regulations to help protect the endangered. Does the law not apply to all endangered species in Nova Scotia.  
Quoted from the Nova Scotia Endangered Species Act  
"The Endangered Species Act is one of the first provincial endangered species acts in Canada. The act protects species in Nova Scotia that have been assessed and determined to be at risk of extinction. There are over 20 species at risk.  
The act prohibits the killing or disturbing species at risk, destroying or disturbing its residence and destroying or disturbing of core habitat. Penalties (for individuals and corporations) can be incurred when the act is violated."  
So this Act only applies to the general population and not these huge corporations? The Nova Scotia government is now changing acts and laws to suit their agenda rather than follow previous ones put in place for very good reasons. This government needs to step back and look at what makes or did make this Province great. Government overstepping has to stop!  
Please protect our endangered moose population, listen and act on the "Moose Conservation Association of Nova Scotia" group's concerns and solutions.  
Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.  
  
Sincerely,  
  
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Eigg Mountain Wind Project

### Comments:

Let me start by stating the I am not against wind energy nor wind farms, but I am against locating these mass turbine projects in ecological sensitive areas such as Eigg and Brown's Mountain areas.

This area being proposed by a profit driven corporation has not taken into full account the diverse wildlife that resides in this particular region of the Province. The integrity of the current habitat would be severely compromised if a 22+ turbine wind farm is allowed to proceed in this general area.

Besides the more common species that thrive here, like rabbit, squirrel, chipmunk, grouse, coyotes, deer, etc. and several birds of prey, other scarce and impressive species also make this area their home.

More importantly, certain species at risk live within this wildlife corridor and if this development is permitted to proceed, it could wipe out their homeland habitat and the species as well, including but not limited to the Eastern Mainland Moose, the Fisher, the Martin and the reclusive Eastern Cougar.

Although I have reported two separate sightings of the Eastern Cougar in 2009 and 2019 respectively, and having confirmed their existence with wildlife biologists here in NE Nova Scotia, our provincial DNR still reluctantly accepts this as factual and officially refuses to admit the knowledge of their presence in the Eigg/Brown's mountain area!

It is for these reasons that I am against wind-farm development in

If the province permits this development to proceed I fear that the above noted species at risk will never recover and may become extinct in this region of the Province!

If this was to happen would the Province be negligent or grossly negligent? Would the Province be held to account?

Although an argument can be made that the proposed sites are located on private property, a better argument can be made that the needs of wildlife habitat for species at risk outweigh the greed of a few people, corporations and the Province.

Remember, this potential development does nothing to better Nova Scotians livelihoods as all the profit goes to a private corporation and any energy produced will be sold to the New England states at a higher price, similar to the way we sold off our offshore natural gas to the good Ol USA!

Most of us who live in the area and will be directly or indirectly affected are not in favour of this development and will vote accordingly

on election day.

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Hello,

Please see attached my letter of support for the Eigg Mountain Wind project.

Regards,

**Harbour Authority of Arisaig**  
137 Arisaig Point Road  
Arisaig, NS B2G 2L1

March 30, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a resident of Nova Scotia and an Engineer-in-Training to express my support for the proposed Eigg Mountain Wind Project in Antigonish County.

I believe this project represents an important step forward in strengthening Nova Scotia's transition to renewable energy. As I understand, it will generate enough clean energy to power approximately 55,000 homes annually, contributing meaningfully to the province's environmental and energy goals.

Beyond the environmental benefits, the project will provide economic value to the local community through job creation, support for local businesses, and increased municipal tax revenue. Developments like this help build stronger, more resilient communities and create opportunities for people to live and work within the province.

From both a personal and professional perspective, I support responsible, well-planned infrastructure that balances environmental stewardship with community benefit. In my view, this project aligns well with those principles.

For these reasons, I am pleased to support the Eigg Mountain Wind Project.

Sincerely,

Nova Scotia Resident  
Engineer-in-Training

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Eigg Mountain Wind Project

### Comments:

Save the mainland moose they are more important then filling people's pockets with money for putting up windmills that are noisy and ugly

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Eigg Mountain Wind Project

### Comments:

I am writing to formally submit concerns regarding the proposed Eigg Mountain Wind Project and its potential environmental impacts.

While I recognize the importance of transitioning to renewable energy, I believe careful consideration must be given to the specific ecological sensitivity of the Eigg Mountain area and the potential long-term consequences of development in this location.

#### Wildlife Impacts and Habitat Fragmentation

The project area is located adjacent to ecologically significant habitat that supports mainland moose and other wildlife species. The construction of turbines, access roads, and transmission infrastructure raises serious concerns about habitat fragmentation, disruption of movement corridors, and increased pressure on already vulnerable wildlife populations.

#### Watershed and Drinking Water Risks

Eigg Mountain lies within an important watershed that contributes to local drinking water supplies. Land clearing, blasting, and road construction have the potential to increase sedimentation, alter natural drainage patterns, and introduce contamination risks during both construction and operation phases.

#### Loss of Undisturbed Forest and Wilderness Character

The project would introduce industrial-scale infrastructure into a relatively undisturbed, wilderness-adjacent landscape. This raises concerns about the long-term loss of natural habitat, visual impacts, and the degradation of an area valued for its ecological and recreational importance.

#### Bird and Bat Mortality

Wind turbines are known to pose collision risks to birds and bats, particularly in elevated or migratory corridors. The potential impacts on local and migratory species should be carefully assessed and transparently reported.

#### Road Construction and Increased Access

The development will require extensive road networks, which can lead to soil erosion, long-term land disturbance, and increased human access. This can further stress wildlife populations and alter the natural use of the area.

#### Cumulative Effects

This project must also be considered within the broader context of multiple wind energy developments across the region. The cumulative impacts on wildlife, habitats, and ecosystems may be significant and should not be assessed in isolation.

In closing, I urge decision-makers to ensure that environmental protection, transparency, and precautionary principles are fully applied in evaluating this project. Without robust safeguards and clear public accountability, there is a risk of long-term ecological impacts that may outweigh the intended benefits.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern;

I am writing this letter to formalize my overwhelming support of the Eigg Mountain Wind Project.

As a landowner involved in this project, I feel it's important to share my personal experience. Throughout the process, I've felt that my voice and concerns have been genuinely heard. The project team has been transparent about timelines and potential impacts, and I've been kept well informed at every stage. I've had opportunities to ask questions, provide input, and stay engaged as the project has progressed, which has built a strong sense of trust and confidence.

This project will power about 55,000 homes each year and plays an important role in helping the province reach its renewable energy goals. Renewable Energy Systems (RES) has shown a strong commitment to developing this project responsibly while supporting the long-term well-being of our community.

Beyond the environmental benefits, the project will bring a number of direct benefits to the community, including:

- About \$1.4 million in municipal tax revenue each year
- Around \$800,000 annually in landowner royalties over the life of the project
- A Community Benefit Fund of up to \$154,000 per year (\$1,000 per MW), managed by local community members, municipal representatives, and the project owner, to support local initiatives
- \$10,000 annually for programs and projects at H.M. MacDonald School, with a focus on improving access for underrepresented students
- Five training and education bursaries for residents interested in careers related to wind energy construction or operations
- Job opportunities during construction and ongoing operations
- Contract opportunities for local businesses
- Increased local spending on goods and services throughout the project's development, construction, and operation

These benefits will create real, lasting value for our community. They'll bring steady income into the area, support municipal services, and open up new economic opportunities. The Community Benefit Fund gives residents a direct say in supporting projects that matter most to

them, while the school funding and bursaries will help expand access to education and skills training—especially for those who may face barriers. On a more personal note, our local Arisaig Blues Softball Association, in which all three of my young children participate, has already received financial support from RES when we undertook the ballfield rebuild last spring. The RES logo is prominently displayed on the ballfield fence as a fervent supporter of grass-roots, community initiatives.

The project will also create jobs, support local businesses, and boost spending in the area at every stage. Altogether, it's an opportunity to strengthen the local economy and build a more resilient community.

For all of these reasons, I strongly support this project and look forward to seeing it deliver clean energy to our community, while helping to support many more community initiatives along the way.

Doctors Brook, NS

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I'm all for Nova Scotia getting its act together and creating jobs in industry here but all these wind firms everywhere and our power bill still skyrocketing I don't think it's doing as much good as you may think it is also I don't think destroying a beautiful habitat is worth it in this area it's a beautiful trail system I've enjoyed with snowmobiles and ATVs and I've seen tons of wildlife there I'd hate to see that destroyed for the sake of useless wind turbines

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The proposed wind project at Eigg Mountain and surrounding area will have a detrimental effect on the area, the current wind farm on Browns mountain (Glen Dhu) is a example of the shear devastation to the local wilderness caused by building wind farms. Coupled with recent clearcut logging operations in the area anymore industrial infrastructure development will without doubt have a crippling effect on not only the Nova Scotia Mainland Moose population but on all wildlife and recreation in the area. This project is a short-sighted attempt to push so called green energy without consideration for the local environment.

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### Comments:

Having a wind farm in the Eigg Mountain area will be total destruction of forest land for little benefit. Our family utilizes this area in all 4 seasons  
After seeing what has occurred with the wind farm on Weavers mountain, the destruction of the forest and the wide roads and new roads and the space these windmills take up, will leave no wilderness area left for animal or human to enjoy

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Antigonish County Volunteer Fire Department  
P. O. Box 1355  
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**Subject: Formal Objection – Fire Safety, Transmission Infrastructure, and Aerial Response Concerns  
Eigg Mountain Wind Project Environmental Assessment**

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the members of the **Antigonish County Volunteer Fire Department**, we submit this letter as a formal objection to the proposed Eigg Mountain Wind Project as part of the Environmental Assessment review process.

Industrial wind energy facilities introduce large electrical infrastructure into remote forest landscapes, including turbines, substations, electrical systems, and long transmission corridors. These systems present potential ignition sources through equipment failure, lightning strikes, conductor faults, or mechanical malfunction.

Transmission lines require long cleared corridors through forested terrain and can increase wildfire risk through electrical faults, vegetation contact, or storm damage. Detecting and suppressing fires along these corridors in remote areas can be extremely challenging.

The Antigonish County Volunteer Fire Department already provides response coverage for existing electrical and transmission infrastructure within our service area. Any additional transmission lines or electrical infrastructure associated with this project would expand the area and complexity of infrastructure we may be required to respond to. High-voltage systems present hazards including energized conductors, electrical faults, and limited safe access for suppression crews.

Wind turbines also present unique fire hazards. Turbine nacelles contain electrical equipment, gearboxes, hydraulic systems, and lubricants located at significant heights above ground level. Fires in turbine nacelles are generally beyond the reach of conventional firefighting equipment, meaning responders are often limited to establishing a safety perimeter and allowing the turbine to burn out.

Aerial wildfire suppression and emergency response are also a concern. Wildfires in remote forest areas frequently require helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft support for reconnaissance, water delivery, and suppression. Turbine structures exceeding 200 metres in height introduce additional aerial obstacles and require aircraft to alter flight paths and navigation patterns. This can complicate aerial response operations and increase operational risk for pilots during wildfire suppression or emergency response activities.

The Eigg Mountain, James River, and Brierly Brook areas are characterized by forested terrain, limited access routes, and extended response times. Volunteer fire departments in rural areas do not have specialized equipment required to respond to incidents involving large industrial wind turbines or high-voltage transmission infrastructure.

For these reasons, we believe the fire risk, expanded transmission infrastructure, and aerial response limitations associated with this project warrant serious consideration during the Environmental Assessment process. We respectfully object to the Eigg Mountain Wind Project moving forward in its current form due to the potential public safety and wildfire risks associated with the development.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief  
Antigonish County Volunteer Fire Department

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Eigg Mountain Wind Project

### Comments:

I am deeply concerned by the proposed Eigg Mountain wind farm. While I recognize the importance of transitioning to renewable energy and doing so in a timely manner this has to be done in a way that it does not compromise our most ecologically significant areas.  
It is entirely counter productive to transition to green energy by destroying health wilderness. The entire point of transitioning to green energy is to protect the environment.  
The Eigg Mountain area is critical habitat for mainland moose. A species that has seen massive declines in population heavily due to human development in this province. Why not build this wind farm in an area of the province that doesn't have a moose population? Especially considering the overwhelming majority of this province does not have a moose population.  
This type of project would be concerning under the best scenarios but recent decisions by the Huston government have clearly signaled that this government could not care less about our wildlife and wilderness areas. When DNR wildlife division is dismantled who is there to make sure the effects from this project are mitigated.  
All these reasons as well as the proximity to the Eigg Mountain James River Wilderness Area led me to the conclusion that this project should not go through. There are hundreds of alternative locations that do not have the same ecological significance that should be considered.

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### **To Whom It May Concern,**

I am writing to express my strong support for the Eigg Mountain Wind Project.

As a landowner on Eigg Mountain, I have signed an agreement with Renewable Energy Systems (RES) to install a wind turbine on my property. From the outset, I have received excellent support from RES. Since signing this agreement, RES has also recognized my experience in the construction industry and has employed me as a Project Manager. I am currently working on the Goose Harbour Lake Wind Farm Project, owned by Port Hawkesbury Paper. This demonstrates RES's commitment to hiring locally and investing in the communities in which they operate.

Through my involvement, I have seen firsthand the positive impact that large-scale renewable energy projects have on local communities. Employees working on these projects contribute meaningfully to the local economy and are active members of their communities, supporting families and local businesses.

With my extensive experience in construction projects across Canada, I can confidently say that RES upholds some of the highest environmental standards in the industry. The company's leadership prioritizes both safety and environmental stewardship. For example, on the Goose Harbour Lake Project, RES has invested approximately \$1.3 million in the supply and placement of hay to stabilize exposed ground, as well as \$250,000 in silt fencing for erosion and sedimentation control. In addition, a full-time Environmental Manager is employed to monitor environmental compliance and ensure adherence to all regulatory requirements, including those set by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Nova Scotia Department of Environment.

I believe the project location is well suited for development. In addition to its very strong wind energy potential, its proximity to a designated wilderness protected area reflects a thoughtful land-use planning strategy by the province. This approach allows for responsible renewable energy development while preserving natural landscapes for future generations and nature to enjoy and thrive.

The Eigg Mountain Wind Project is expected to generate enough clean energy to power approximately 55,000 homes annually and will play a critical role in helping the province achieve its renewable energy targets. RES has demonstrated a clear commitment to

environmentally responsible development and to the long-term prosperity of the surrounding communities.

The project will also deliver significant and lasting benefits, including:

- Approximately \$1.4 million in annual municipal tax revenue
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- Five training and education bursaries for local residents pursuing careers in the renewable energy sector
- Job creation during both construction and operations
- Contracting opportunities for local businesses
- Increased local spending on goods and services throughout all phases of the project

In addition to these long-term benefits, RES has already demonstrated its commitment to supporting local initiatives. The company has contributed funding to the Arisaig Learn to Play softball program and has supported the community with a \$5,000 donation toward the rebuilding of the local ball field. These contributions reflect RES's genuine investment in the well-being and development of the community beyond the project itself.

These contributions will provide meaningful, long-term value by strengthening the local economy, supporting municipal services, and empowering community-led initiatives. The Community Benefit Fund and dedicated school funding will ensure that residents directly benefit from the project, while training bursaries will help build local capacity in the growing renewable energy sector.

In addition to environmental benefits, the project will foster economic growth, create employment opportunities, and support local businesses. Altogether, these factors will help build a stronger, more resilient community.

For these reasons, I fully support the Eigg Mountain Wind Project and look forward to the day it begins delivering clean, renewable energy to our region.

Sincerely,

Doctor's Brook

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<p>Blue Duck <i>Aythya americana</i></p> 	<p>Blanding's Turtle <i>Emydoidea blandingii</i></p> 	<p>Atlantic Whitefish <i>Coregonus huntsmani</i></p> 	<p>Macropis Cuckoo Bee <i>Epeolobides pilosulus</i></p> 	<p>Hoary Willow <i>Salix canadica</i></p> 	<p>Plymouth Gentian <i>Sabatina isopycyana</i></p> 	<p>Rockrose <i>Helianthus canadensis</i></p> 
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Hello. Please find attached comments from Ecology Action Centre regarding the Eigg Mountain Wind Project EARD.

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March 30, 2026

## Eigg Mountain Wind Energy Project EARD –

### Comments on EARD from Ecology Action Centre

The Ecology Action Centre (EAC) is providing feedback on the Environmental Assessment Registration Document (EARD) for the proposed Eigg Mountain Wind Energy Project.

EAC staff have read many EARD over the years, including for wind energy projects. EAC is generally supportive of new wind energy projects because they decarbonize our provincial energy supply and can at the same time provide sustainable benefits to communities and governments. However, all wind energy project have negative impacts on the environment that can, to some degree, be predicted at the EA stage. In the past few years, we have noticed in EARDs that potential negative impacts on biodiversity, including species at risk and wetland, are often minimized and not adequately addressed in EARD, and by the Province. These problems need to be solved for EAC and the public to regain trust in the provincial Environmental Assessment system.

The following comments are concerned with certain aspect of the EARD. Not all Valued Environmental Components (VECs) were reviewed by EAC.

Specific comments:

#### Approach

Eigg Mountain – James River Wilderness Area should have been examined as a Valued Environmental Component (VEC). It would have been possible to describe the environmental and recreational characteristics that the Wilderness Area protects, and estimate (and potentially mitigate) the negative impacts of the project on the Wilderness Area.

## Mature Forests

The EARD emphasizes that RES has worked to reduce negative impacts to habitat loss, fragmentation, and sensitive terrestrial flora habitat, including mature forests, “through strategic site planning.” This is a good approach. However, Table 2.3 predicts that 125 ha of mature forest will be cleared within the Area of Disturbance (AOD). This makes up 46% of the estimated vegetation cover of the AOD. This proportion is more than young forests and more than non-forest (meadow/shrub). More work needs to be done here to reduce the impacts to mature forests. This is vital because the EARD claims repeatedly that site design has been optimized to reduce impacts to mature forests, yet more redesign towards that goal is clearly possible due to the percentage of non-mature forests on the site that could be used in place of mature forest.

The site contains several older forest stands that do not meet the currently applied age criteria for Old Growth (e.g., average stand age 109 years, 105 years, 103 years). This is a provincial-level problem: if these soon-to-be Old Growth stands are not avoided in projects such as the Eigg Mountain Wind Project, we will not have up-and-coming Old Growth forests? If the Province, and/or RES, is committed our province’s conservation goals, these mature forests nearing Old Growth age should be conserved and destroyed as a result of this project.

We recommend that the commitment by RES in the EARD for “Further refinements to the AOD will be considered during final design to reduce disturbance to wetlands where possible” be extended to include near-Old Growth forest stands and mature forests. This should be included in the Minister’s Approval with Conditions as a condition.

## Wetlands

The project uses the current policy to determine likely Wetlands of Special Significance (WSS):

“NSECC confirmed that the determination of a WSS based on the presence of a mobile SAR should be based on current observations during field surveys in support of this EA, rather than historical records (e.g., AC CDC records).”

Although this is current policy, RES should go beyond that to include relatively recent historical records to scope in potential WSS. Search efforts should be augmented at sites where there are recent historical records and predicted habitat remains suitable. Biologists and field technicians such as those at CBCL would likely agree that it is quite possible for Species at Risk (SAR) to be using or

occupying a site but are not observed on the 1 to 2 days during which field work for the EARD is conducted.

RES should not alter or destroy wetlands that are predicted to be WSS due to the presence of SAR and/or their overlap with the Wilderness Area. These include wetlands in WL01, WL02, WL04, WL06, WL07.

One the location for the transmission line is confirmed – it should be have been confirmed before the EARD – the transmission line AOD should checked (and route potential modified) for WSS and SAR.

The EARD states: “WSS may be altered by the Project, but there will be less impact to WSS where the Project AOD uses pre-existing roads that currently bisect them.” No WSS should be altered or destroyed as a result of the proposed project.

### Mainland Moose

Mainland Moose are listed as Endangered under the Nova Scotia Endangered Species Act. The project area is within Core Habitat for moose as defined by the recovery strategy and mapped by DNR. Habitat modelling identified potential suitable habitat at the project site. Field work by CBCL confirmed the area is high-use for moose, year-round, using multiple survey methods. There are moose at the site, in suitable habitat, within the provincial Core Habitat definition and mapping.

It is commendable that RES chose to alter the project in ways to reduce impacts to moose, and in response to specific knowledge and concerns brought forward by the public and the MEKS about moose in the area. However, the Province should have gone further (a baseline, really) by prohibiting the destruction of suitable habitat in the Core Habitat area.

Wind energy projects (and roads) are specifically named in Mainland Moose recovery strategy as a threat. The project introduces this threat into one of the last remaining sites that supports a local population of moose, in Core Habitat. The are is vital for recovery of the species yet it seems like RES will knowingly destroy Core Habitat the Province will allow that. This is wrong.

### Cumulative Effects

Based on the project’s estimated impact to mature forests, wetlands (including WSS), and Mainland Moose habitat, the determination of the Project’s contribution to cumulative effects should have been: “High: The Project is expected to contribute change to cumulative effects that significantly degrades overall system function and/or sustainability when considered alongside the combined effects of other existing projects, undertakings, and activities in the RAA.

Overall, the location of this wind project is not quite right in that its potential impacts to the Wilderness Area, and the endangered Mainland Moose, are too high to bear.



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Hello. Please find attached a submission from Ecology Action Centre regarding the likely outcome of Eigg Mountain Wind Project EA process. This is in addition to our Comments on the EARD.

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March 30, 2026

Eigg Mountain Wind Energy Project in the EA Process –

Predictions from Ecology Action Centre

The Ecology Action Centre (EAC) is providing Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change (NS ECC) with these predictions in the hopes that the department will make changes to the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) process that will reverse the degradation of the process what we have witnessed in the last several years.

EAC staff have read many EARD and related documents over the years, for all kinds of industrial projects, and have reviewed and commented on projects that were assessed through the federal impact assessment system too (often harmonized with the Nova Scotia provincial EA process). **We have found troubling patterns that to us indicate a watering-down of the provincial EA process.** This process is already not transparent. The weakening of the process over the last few years makes it even more opaque. It has also been disturbing to see relevant, rationale, actionable feedback from the public, *and from staff in other provincial departments*, seemingly ignored. Advice from staff in federal departments on provincial EARD also seems to be ignored. We have observed that other provincial Acts and policies meant to protect the environment (i.e. the *Endangered Species Act*, the *Wetland Conservation Policy*) are subverted or ignored due to the new permissiveness in the EA process. Because the process is not transparent, and given the newer, short timeframes on which EA are Approved with Conditions, it calls in question whether this process is still working at all, or whether it has become a “rubber stamp” approval process.

Environmental Assessment is part of the *Environment Act*. The stated purpose of this Act is “to support and promote the protection, enhancement and prudent use of the environment...” Given what we have seen transpire through EA processes in the last few years, we believe that this purpose is no longer being upheld due to the weakening of the EA process. Based on the patterns we have seen in the last few years, we make the following predictions about the outcome of the Eigg Mountain Wind Project (though these predictions could be applied to

any project that has gone through the provincial EA process in the last few years). We note that these predictions are being made by EAC before the Minister's decision based upon the EARD has been made.

Final date for public comment: March 30, 2026.

Date for decision by the Minister: On or before April 9, 2026.

**Prediction 1: This project will be Approved with Conditions by the Minister on or before April 10, 2026.**

Problem 1: The final date for public comments is the date by which EA branch employees have all the comments from the public about a project, and potentially all the comments from provincial department staff and federal staff (there may be an earlier, internal deadline for them). Only at this point could staff fully understand, synthesize, and voice implications of, all the comments they have received. This would be an important part of a defensible and useful EA process. However, the government's timeframe between the end of the public/department comment period and the Minister's decision has been decreasing over the last few years. The number of days after the end of the comment period until the time the Minister makes a decision on a project has been decreasing from an average of 20 days until decision in 2023 and 2024, to 15 days in 2025, and 9 days so far in 2026. The government has been talking about "streamline" and "cutting red tape" in processes including the EA process, but it calls into question whether staff and the Minister are even reviewing and acting upon comments submitted in the EA process. This is also hard to elucidate because the process is not transparent – the public does not see whether comments were considered, or the information upon which the Minister based their decision. This information is clear in the federal Impact Assessment process.

The current very short time frame from public (and government) comment to Minister's decision, and the lack of transparency around how comments are used (if at all) causes us and many others to doubt if comments are taken seriously and whether people should not even bother engaging with the provincial EA process anymore.

**Prediction 2: The public will have submitted comments that include pragmatic ways to improve the project so that it reduces impacts on people or nature. There will be no evidence that these comments were considered or acted upon.**

Problem 2: The Conditions that accompany an Approval are important and should demonstrate required changes to a proposed project as a Condition of the Approval. They can be tailored to the specific risks a project has been shown to pose based upon the EARD and other sources. The Conditions can impose or recommend a certain approach to reduce impacts of a project, monitor for

impacts, or mitigate predicted impacts. NS ECC seems to have limited itself from putting project-related specifics in their Conditions and are instead now applying a “boiler plate” generic set of conditions to each project of the same type (i.e. quarry projects, wind energy projects, etc.). This could be problematic if project-specific points are not included because it can miss some of the value of having a set of Conditions (described above), and it further adds to the lack of transparency regarding whether the specific comments by the public, or other departments, are being acted upon. Also, requirements in Conditions are sometimes brought into the specific Industrial Approval for a project. This is important because although the requirements in the Conditions often end when the project is “commenced,” the requirements in an Industrial Approval last, enduring while the project is in operation (but the Industrial Approval can be, and often is, amended over time). There should be project-specific requirements in the Conditions and many of those should be brought into the project’s Industrial Approval if the goal of the EA process is really about improving projects over their lifespan, not just getting them to the point of an EA Approval.

**Prediction 3: Staff from NS ECC and other departments will have provided comments on the project. There will be no evidence that these comments were considered and no detailed requirements in the Conditions that require the proponent to act upon the recommendations of provincial staff.**

Problem 3: It has been horrible to see, over the years, wise comments from provincial experts ignored in the EA process. Over at least the last 2 years, across multiple projects that received EA Approval, we see there are concerns and requirements from staff in other provincial departments (e.g. DNR, NS ECC) that are not addressed in the Conditions. Many of these seem actionable immediately, and/or could be a Condition of the Approval, yet they are not. Also, issues and recommendations from federal departments are ignored, despite their expertise and Nova Scotia requesting that federal experts provide comments on EARD and related documents.

This problem calls into question why anyone in provincial or federal departments should provide comments on provincial EAs anymore – this situation is shameful.

**Prediction 4: The planned destruction of Core Habitat for an Endangered Species listed under the *Endangered Species Act* has been described in the EARD, yet the Conditions will not include any changes to avoid this situation, despite it being in violation of the *Endangered Species Act*.**

Problem 4: The Eigg Mountain Wind Project, like many other wind energy projects recently Approved through the provincial EA process, is located within an area identified a Core Habitat for the endangered Mainland Moose, as defined by the recovery plan for moose and mapped by DNR. Habitat modelling of the site

identified potential suitable habitat at the project site. Field work at the site confirmed the area is high-use for moose year-round, using multiple survey methods. There is no question – the site contains areas that are vital for moose (Core Habitat and being used by moose), and some of those areas are being planned for destruction in support of the project.

The Minister of Natural Resources has still not designated Core Habitat for Mainland Moose (or for any other listed species). The situation that plays out for moose and other listed species is that Core Habitat is described in the recovery plan, identified at the site level through mapping and modeling, yet not protected from the exact threats to it when they arise. Wind energy projects are literally described as a threat to moose in the recovery plan (“Habitat loss, conversion, degradation, fragmentation caused by clearing for windfarm turbines and associated fencing, roads, lighting. Stress from light disturbance (flicker effect).”). But when the same department has the opportunity to avoid the destruction of Core Habitat through their recommendations, or through requirements written by NS ECC staff in the Conditions, government staff (or the Ministers?) choose not to do so. This raises the question of whether the Province should be taken to court, again, for not following the *Endangered Species Act*.

**Prediction 5: The EARD will describe wetlands which have the characteristics needed to be listed as a Wetland of Special Significance (WSS) under Nova Scotia’s Wetland Conservation Policy. The Conditions will not include any requirements to avoid these wetlands.**

Problem 5: The protection of Wetlands of Special Significance in the Wetland Conservation Policy has been weakened. A few of the ways in which it has been weakened can be seen in this project. The policy was weakened in the following ways, through an internal department memo:

1. Though the policy calls for a wetland to be classified a WSS if it is “known to support at-risk species as designated under the federal *Species At Risk Act* or the *Nova Scotia Endangered Species Act*” the memo calls on staff to exclude species designated as “Vulnerable” under the provincial *Endangered Species Act* or “Special Concern” under the federal *Species at Risk Act*.
2. WSS classification will now be applied to just a portion of the wetland “directly supporting” a recently observed Endangered or Threatened species.
3. Only “current” observations of Endangered or Threaten species will be considered applicable, and not past (“historical”) observations.

In the Eigg Mountain Wind Project there is a wetland (called WL07) that contains a current observation (made by the proponent’s consultant) of an Evening

Grosbeak, which is listed as Vulnerable under NSESA and Special Concern under SARA. The proponent argues that NS ECC will likely not classify the wetland since “it is unlikely the SAR utilized the habitat to support a life function” and that “as suggested by NSECC, a wetland is considered a WSS based on the presence of mobile SAR (e.g., birds and bat species that are provincially listed as Threatened or Endangered) if the subject wetland provides or supports life functions for the SAR (e.g., a SAR bird species observed during the breeding period in their preferred habitat).” Here we see that application of 2 ways in which WSS protection was weakened by the internal memo (i.e. the presence of a Vulnerable/ Special Concern species does not count, and current observations only), and an additional caveat applied by staff (“mobile” species must be observed in in a habitat that support “life functions”).

The project also applies the condition that only “current” observations will be considered: “NSECC confirmed that the determination of a WSS based on the presence of a mobile SAR should be based on current observations during field surveys in support of this EA, rather than historical records (e.g., AC CDC records).” By ignoring past data, even seemingly from just 1 year previously, the proponent and the Province willingly ignore relevant information about SAR and wetland value to SAR, and also seem to misunderstand the likelihood of observing SAR during limited site visits (e.g. 1 day during spring migration bird survey, 1 day during fall migration bird survey).

Overall, the provincial Environmental Assessment process has been weakened in the past few years, and the Eigg Mountain Wind Project EARD and approval process is just one of the projects that provide examples of these failings.



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I strongly disagree with the location choice for the Eigg mountain wind project. It is a known habitat for mainland moose which is an endangered species. Also this area feeds into the headwaters of the Wright's River watershed. Which is the home of both Atlantic Salmon and Brook trout (our provincial fish). Which are also in steep decline and any deforestation and runoff will only hurt what population is left.

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March 30, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

On February 18, 2026, Renewable Energy Systems (RES), registered the **Eigg Mountain Wind Project** for environmental assessment. It is a pristine wilderness area located on an elevated plane, considered to be in one of the best wind belts in Nova Scotia's.

Populated and farmed by Scottish pioneer settlers in the early 1800's, today the area supports forestry and recreation activity. Concern over losing public access has been voiced but RES has assured us that activities such as hiking, cross country skiing, use by snowmobilers and all terrain vehicles will remain, with every effort made to improve conditions for all organizations.

In terms of wind development, the **Eigg Mountain Wind Project** harbours acres of in-demand, undeveloped land with enormous potential to make a significant contribution to clean energy. It will reduce carbon emissions, energize 55,00 homes with wind energy and help our government further renewable energy objectives.

This project is good for our environment, surrounding communities, our Municipality and our province. Residents of surrounding communities whole-heartedly support it. However, there are often people who oppose development without reflecting, rationally, on all aspects, especially the overall benefits. In Nova Scotia and across Canada we find some who will oppose responsible development just for the sake of opposing; others for their own selfish reasons or with the attitude not-in-my-back-yard. Very often opposition comes from "outside" interests and not the local people.

It is of utmost importance that our government and the Environmental Assessment Branch ensure the environmental assessment is reviewed through a fair, open and transparent process. The opinions of residents in surrounding communities, the people most affected, must be given fair consideration relative to "outsiders" who may oppose the project without recognizing all aspects.

With the **Eigg Mountain Wind Project**, RES has instilled level of confidence and pride in residents. As the developer, RES has shown to be a responsible Corporate citizen. With extensive expertise and over 20 years experience developing International wind projects, RES has a proven record and is committed to an environmentally responsible development while collaborating with local communities.

Often, the measure of a responsible company is their purpose, quality of work, collaboration with stakeholders and what they leave behind. In addition to the environmental benefits and helping the province meet its renewable green energy objectives, RES will create employment, increase spending on local goods and services and create a long-term revenue stream in royalty payments for landowners.

However, most significant are the yearly financial contributions. The Municipality will receive \$1.4 Million per year in new tax revenue; the Community Benefit Fund, of up to \$154,000 per year, will be donated to support community initiatives; a yearly grant of \$10,000 will be paid to the H.M. MacDonald school for students and their projects; 5

training and education bursaries of \$5,000 each will be available for residents of the Municipality; and RES has committed to working with Canadian Association of Community Living (CACL) to enhance the skills of individuals with disabilities.

The long-term benefits are very significant. The **Eigg Mountain Wind Project** can easily be considered a once-in-a-lifetime win. The overall benefits, both environmentally and financially, is why this project is receiving such enormous support from the immediate communities.

The **Eigg Mountain Wind Project** provides our communities with pride and confidence, knowing it is being developed for the right reasons by an experienced, responsible International company.

I fully support the **Eigg Mountain Wind Project**.

Doctor's Brook, NS

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Community Support Concerns – Eigg Mountain Wind Project

Dear Minister Halman, Premier Tim Houston, MLA Michelle Thompson, and Warden Nick MacInnis,

I am writing to follow up on previous correspondence regarding the proposed Eigg Mountain Wind Project.

I would like to respectfully raise a concern regarding the representation of community support for this project.

Based on what I have observed locally, the support for the project appears to be primarily coming from individuals and groups who are directly financially involved in or connected to the project itself, including landowners and others participating in project-related processes.

At the same time, there is growing concern among residents who do not have any connection to the project. This is reflected in a community petition with 414 signatures from the local area, as well as a local community group with over 500 members, where many individuals have expressed opposition or concern about the project's location and long-term impacts.

This suggests that the level of community support may not be accurately represented and that there is a broader range of perspectives that should be carefully considered.

Given the importance of public confidence in the Environmental Assessment

process, I respectfully ask that community input be weighed with careful attention to independence and representation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Antigonish County, Nova Scotia

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Please consider this my very strong support of Eigg Mountain Wind Farm. As councillor for District one I have received countless emails in support of this project. Mary Mac Lellan