From:	Minister, Env
To:	Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject:	FW: No to Northern Pulp
Date:	November 7, 2019 8:18:09 AM

From: @ns.sympatico.ca>
Sent: November 6, 2019 9:14 PM
To: Minister, Env <Minister.Environment@novascotia.ca>
Subject: No to Northern Pulp

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Dear Minister Wilson,

I'm writing to express my concerns during the public response period for the Focus Report of the Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation Effluent Treatment Facility proposal being considered under provincial environmental assessment. I would like to ask you to reject this proposal in its entirety due to the serious negative environmental effects the project will have on the land, air and sea. This project will create human health risks, will damage Nova Scotia's tourism and fishery sectors and will damage the ecosystems in this region – which include vibrant wetlands, coastal and marine ecosystems and diverse wildlife.

Please make the right decision and reject this dangerous project. There are no longer economic arguments which can support the damage this project would do to our environment and our citizens.

Sincerely,

Margaree Environmental Association

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Boat Harbour
Date: November 7, 2019 8:23:32 AM

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Good morning,

I'm praying to God that Northern Pulp is shut down while I'm still on this earth. I'm 87 years old and have lived in Pictou County since 1964, having moved from New Brunswick. Please honor the Boat Harbour Act. Too many people are dying from cancer here. It's all because of the air we breathe. Try spending a day in Pictou when the mill is spewing out their poison. You won't come back, that's for sure.Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

From:	Environment
To:	Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject:	Proposed Project Comments
Date:	November 7, 2019 8:31:59 AM

Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: It seems to me that if the project was completed, the best environmental assessments point towards a non catastrophic outcome. The measurable positive results of approving the propsed plan far exceed those of rejecting it. Name: Email: Address: Municipality: Postal-Code: Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 61 y: 17

From: @dal.ca
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 8:33:24 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Do not allow Northern Pulp to pump its effluent into the Northumberland Strait. This government has shown more resolve on this than any previous one. Keep it up. Name: Email: @dal.ca Address: Municipality: Halifax Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 8:33:32 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Please help protect the environment. Its in trouble, and we need a healthy environment in order to live. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Dartmouth Postal-Code: B3A2R9 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 52 y: 22

From: _ bellaliant.net
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 8:38:55 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: This project should be approved. Environmental ecosystem issues being addressed following the toughest laws in existence and proposed laws not to affect fish, shellfish, plants and animals. With the treated affluent being highly biodegradable with no build of solids in the Strait wont warm up the Strait or colour the water surface with air quality meeting all regulations. Name:
Email: @bellaliant.net Address: Municipality: CHELSEA Postal-Code:

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Northern Pulp Mill
Date: November 7, 2019 8:48:24 AM

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Attn: Hon. Gordon Wilson

I am writing to you today in support of Northern Pulp. My family has been involved in the forest industry since I was a child. I have seen many changes, good and bad. It has been a positive move forward to hold people in forestry accountable, we don't want short cuts to ruin our environment. However forcing Northern Pulp, a mill that is labouring to be one of the cleanest mills in Canada, to close is not a step forward. To lose the Mill would hurt not just Pictou, or people in the forest industry, it would be felt province wide. It's time we all realized what Northern Pulp has done for us and support them in return.

Thank you for your attention,

From: @hotmail.ca
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 8:51:19 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: By entering into a financial agreement with the proponent the Province put itself in a terrible conflict of interest with respect to the evaluation and approval of this project. It should step aside and allow for an independent review and approval . The supplemental document is an attempt to overwhelm rather than address simply and clearly the key issues. It fails on every level to answer the questions 1. What exactly will be in the effluent . 2. What harms will the effluent cause to human health and the marine environment . A closed loop system is the only acceptable alternative for this plant . The comparisons are not acceptable with the use of the proposed processes in other environments. The Ministers responsibility to protect the Northumberland Strait ecosystem far outweighs the risks he would be approving with this proposal. Name: Email: r@hotmail.ca Address: Municipality: Beaver Brook Postal-Code:

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Northern Pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 8:54:00 AM

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Hi,

I am working in a Pulp mill in the New Brunswick region for the past 32 years and realize the struggle the company has to maintain the operation with all the law for the environment, I agree with Northern Pulp mill in Nova Scotia that they are ready to invest in their mill to improve the environment with their effluent treatment facility.

We have so many industries that they don't follow any regulation for the environment here we have one that is committing to respect the environment it should be used as an example for other facilities to respect our environment.

We need to maintain good working jobs in the region it affects direct jobs to the mill and also 5 more times job indirectly again the province has to understand the impact in the region economies when you have industries that are ready to follow regulation to protect our planet.

The plant had filed a report to the Nova Scotia government regarding their project to protect the environment meaning there are interested as a long-term investment in the region and maintain the mill operation.

In return you will gain massive tax from the plant and also maintain a good job in the surroundings that will gain other business.

As to the Minister of Environment for the province of Nova Scotia it's up to you now to make a decision. Approve this plan, and get this project done to maintain the economies in the region.

Sincerely from a Pulp mill worker,

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To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: This project will create human health risks, will damage Nova Scotiaâ?Ts tourism and fishery sectors and will damage the ecosystems in this region â?" which include vibrant wetlands, coastal and marine ecosystems and diverse wildlife. Please make the right decision and reject this dangerous project. There are no longer economic arguments which can support the damage this project would do to our environment and our citizens. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Halifax Postal-Code: B3J 1T8 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 67 y: 32

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Efforts need to be made to save this pulp mill! Closer of this mill, is the last thing Pictou County needs! Itâ?Ts 2019 theres got to be away for both fisherman the pulp mill are able to figure this out , that both parties can be satisfied ! Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: New Glasgow Postal-Code: B2h5m2 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 82 y: 24

From: @eastlink.ca
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 9:13:51 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: We only have one planet and things are not good.Everything we do has to change including polution. Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address: . Municipality: Hilden Postal-Code: B0N1C0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 52 y: 18

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Cc: @gmail.com
Subject: Minister of Environment, Please REJECT Northern Pulp"s waste water proposal!!!!!!! PLEASE..
Date: November 7, 2019 9:22:20 AM

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Stop putting Norther Pulp's polluting emissions in our air and polluting effluent waste in our waters.

I absolutely refute any study that says polluting **our air and water and land will do no harm…….of course it will!!**

I Instead make Nova Scotia a leader in choosing to build a pristine environment, to make it a mecca for people to live in and tourists to visit. This should be our future, not paying the environmental price for a few more years (only!!) of Norther Pulp's operation.

Lost jobs, so be it. Retrain and transition for those affected into the many type jobs that support a healthy Povince and people.

Be a government who makes decisions not for politics always, but the hard ones to protect our environment on all fronts, and therefore us and our children…a government who does this will realize many future re-election benefits!!!!

PLEASE SAY NO TO PULP WASTE WATER DUMPING IN OUR WATERS. Nova Scotia's very best future is a clean environment, start now.

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To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 9:27:37 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I write this letter today from a place of great concern and fear. Fear for what the proposed pipe from Northern Pulp into our Northumberland Strait will do to our environment, marine life and our health. Each important and vital to our survival as a region and individually. When Northern Pulp or its predecessor opened in the 1960s, they did not know then what we know now about the environmental and health impacts. Much has changed. So much so Boat Harbour is viewed and rightly so as a scar and environmental disaster. Boat Harbour, by consensus, is viewed as a disgrace and embarrassment. Skip ahead to 2019. Same Mill. Increased information and science about the environmental and health impacts. Northern Pulp still creates toxic discharge and flows it into Boat Harbour and has routinely exceeded its maximum allowable thresholds for air pollution, with little to no consequence. Now, it asks to run a pipe across drinking water reserves for Nova Scotians and discharge millions of litres of its effluent a day into some of the worldâ?Ts best lobster and shellfish fishing grounds. Northern Pulp has produced studies that I suggest had a mandate of a predetermined outcome, and are self serving. The introductory wording in most of the studies by Dillion highlight that the information â?ofactsâ? on which they base their assumptions has not been tested. Therefore, logic dictates if the information on which the opinion is based is flawed or inaccurate, then the opinion or study is inaccurate and unreliable. There is a saying in the legal word, â?obad facts make bad lawâ?. In this case, inaccurate facts and information, make inaccurate studies. Our future cannot be decided on untested information underpinning inaccurate studies. Even so, Northern Pulp has not produced a base line study of the current conditions of the species or environment of where it seeks to discharge. Without this baseline, there is nothing to compare the long term effects. Further, the long term effects are unknown it is only with certainty the studies say there will be adverse effects on shellfish. Environmentally the world is struggling with climate change and how to combat it. Any decision allowing the pipe into the Northumberland Strait and allowing the company to continue to exceed air pollution standards as minimal as they are in Nova Scotia compared to other regions is contrary to every public commitment made regarding climate change action plans. Marine Life is essential to both our survival economically and sustainably. If this pipe is allowed to enter the Northumberland Strait, it will impact marine life. The company has already admitted it will negatively impact shellfish. I suspect that other bottom feeding species such as lobsters will be greatly impacted, especially long term. Our fishery is one of if not the largest export and economy in Nova Scotia. It is what keeps many rural Nova Scotia communities viable, and the monies made from this are required throughout Nova Scotia. This pipe is a direct threat on the fishery and the perceived marketing of â?ofreshâ? â?ocleanâ? â?onaturalâ? Nova Scotia fishing product. Finally, and most importantly our health. Northern Pulp exceeds air pollution standards more often than not when it is tested, and the company itself decides when it is tested. There is little trust or assurance that it is operating in a typical day within environmental regulations. The same logic applies to the standards it would fail to meet in pumping the effluent into our waters. Unlike the smokestacks, we will not be able to see its daily operations into our waters. Northern Pulp will be adding bacteria not naturally found in the oceans to the effluent. This will make its way

into our marine ecosystem. It will have an impact, as all newly added species do to an ecosystem. Long term, how will this impact our fishery and health? How attractive or healthy will it be to swim with your children in the Northumberland Strait â?" after millions of litres of pollution are dumped into it per day? There comes a tipping point, where our natural environment cannot clean or flush it away any further. Boat Harbour is an excellent example. I understand that the forestry industry is concerned. I am not a radical or anti industry. I encourage economic development, but responsible economic development that is forward looking and makes sense for this generation and the next. The forestry industry model needs to change. This has already been identified by provincial reports. Our forestry product is good and strong. There will be a market, but like all businesses and industries it must evolve from where it has been the last 50 years. Letâ?Ts not be cornered, distracted or propaganda fed to believe that without Northern Pulp and their pip,e that poverty and panic is ahead. Alternatively, with Northern Pulpâ?Ts pipe our fishery which is irreplaceable, tourism, our environment and our health are all at risk. As I said at the outset, this should cause great concern and fear. If the pipe is allowed, it will be this governmentâ?Ts and the bureaucrats who recommend it long term legacy and contribution to this province. You need to be prepared to own the consequences of that decision, both now and 50 years from now. Unlike in the 1960â?Ts, we now have the science, the current environmental climate concerns, and the track record or base line of non-compliance by Northern Pulp to reflect on. We know better than to allow this pipe and Nova Scotians deserve better. Allowing 1960â?Ts actions in a 2019 world would be unacceptable. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Melville Postal-Code: B9A0A4 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 64 y: 21

From: @dal.ca
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 9:29:13 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THIS PROJECT. I LITERALLY PLEAD. Name:
Email: @dal.ca Address: Municipality: Halifax
Postal-Code:

From: @eastlink.ca
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 9:33:29 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I am opposed to the further poisoning of the waters of our province. Please reconsider your plan. Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address: . Municipality: Halifax Postal-Code:

From: @eastlink.ca
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 9:33:48 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Why do I support this - question should be why wouldnt I support this.... I am a local Business Owner in Pictou County and yes I do work for the Mill, I employ 20 - 25 employees depending on the time of year, and a lot of the work we do comes from Northern Pulp. Several Industries in Nova Scotia depend on the Mill, even the Port of Halifax would feel the impact from its closing. Environmental issues are not like it was 50 years ago, we now have the knowledge and information to make that change and move forward, thus the results of studies and tests being conducted to insure Northern Pulp is within the Marine Guidelines. We as a Province should come together and work towards a solution, not protest a change that improves the existing situation. It is possible that the Forestry and Fishing Industries co-exist and thrive in Nova Scotia with an open mind to change and to support Northern Pulp. Name:
Email: @eastlink.ca Address: PO Box
Municipality: Thorburn Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 9:35:44 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Dear: Minister of Environment Gordon Wilson, In May of 2015, with the support of all three political parties in the legislature, the government of premier Stephen McNeil passed The Boat Harbour Act, giving the Northern Pulp mill in Abercrombie, Pictou County until January 31, 2020 to stop using Boat Harbour for its effluent Boat Harbour Act, 2015. Northern pulp had since May 2015 to develop and propose a new effluent treatment facility ETF for environmental assessment. In February of 2019 less than a year before cease of operation, Premier Stephen McNeil dismissed much criticism and governments decision subject Northern Pulpâ?Ts effluent treatment facility to a fast-tracked Class I environmental assessment. While Northern Pulp had 1825 days to propose a new ETF, the public had 32 days to review and comment on this 3500-page document. Not only is this an unfair and unjust timeline for the public, the province has given $6 million under an agreement with Northern Pulp to pay part of the cost of producing its environmental assessment The Chronicle Herald, 2019. Furthermore, this provides proof for an unbiased determination, the project should have gone for a longer federal environmental assessment. Unable to change the decisions made in the past, this is a letter concerning Northern Pulp operating past January 31, 2020. As a resident of Pictou County, it was not until I became an adult that I began to question the mill, the smell, and my family members being employees of the mill dying at young ages from cancer. I left Pictou County and within a month of moving I was able to discontinue all respiratory medications. After spending my entire life on inhalers for asthma and â?opulp mill sensitivityâ? as my doctor called it, I spent six years inhalant and medication free. Once I moved back to the Pictou area it became clear that my â?oasthmaâ? was back. I am currently taking four inhalers and an oral medication to help me breath every single day. As a Registered Nurse whom works in Pictou and a person who enjoys the outdoors and running, I have to drive outside of the county lines to run without taking my rescue inhaler with me. I am awar e I cannot prove the pulp mill has caused my respiratory complications however I believe it is relatively clear. Ambient air pollution is a major threat to health and climate. According to the World Health Organization, air pollution is the cause of 7 million premature deaths every year, largely as a result of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, lung cancer and acute respiratory infections WHO, 2016. Pulp and paper mills pollute our air, water, and soil. They are the third largest industrial polluter to air in Canada and the United States Watershed, 2012. Air pollution from pulp mills are not well studied. Canada National Air Pollution Surveillance NAPS sites are placed around the country, however Canada has no specific â?oair toxicsâ? control priorities. It is known that pulp and paper mills are major industries that emit air pollutants, yet few show the spectrum of air quality exposure Hoffman et al., 2017. Air toxics are airborne pollutants known to cause cancer or other serious health effects, including volatile organic compounds VOCs. Dalhousie University Environmental Scientis t published a peer-reviewed study that revealed several VOCâ?Ts routinely exceeding EPA air toxics-associated cancer risk thresholds at Caribou point meteorological station and Granton NAPS station Hoffman et al., 2017. These two stations are near the Northern Pulp mill. This eight-year study and now evidence-based scientific knowledge reports that the

findings reveal these volatile organic compounds found in the air exceeded their respective cancer risk thresholds and are of primary concern in terms of population risk Hoffman et al., 2017. Without this study of plausible association, we would be taking the pulp and paper mills word that they are meeting all guidelines as there are no means of exploring otherwise. This allows communities like Pictou County to gain awareness, in hopes that government agencies adopt more stringent regulations and monitoring programs. The air quality has been unacceptable in Pictou County since 1967 NP failing at least 14 air emissions tests in just the past 10 years and it is only now we are seeing evidence-based data proving it is causing cancer and other serious health effects. Canadians are more concerned than ever about the environment â?" it emerged as a top issue in the October 2019 federal election. Canada is warming twice as fast as the rest of the planet. Pictou County has elected Liberal Government, Sean Fraser MP and Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister because of the environmental policy to protect our environment Liberal, 2019. The Environmental Policy states, â?oTo reduce the pollution that threatens our clean air and oceans, and the health of Canadiansâ?. In Pictou County, Nova Scotia there has not been clean air since 1967 and if there is a pipe to pump effluent into the Northumberland Strait ocean, there will not be a clean ocean either. Lets continue to fight together, for a sustainable, clean growth economy. Please choose HEALTH over wealth Mr. Wilson. Thank you for reading, Resident of Pictou County

References BILL NO. 89. 2015. Boat Harbour Act. Retrieved from: https://nslegislature.ca/legc/bills/62nd_2nd/1st_read/b089.htm Hoffman E, Guernsey JR, Walker TR, Kim JS. 2017. Pilot study investigating ambient air toxics emissions near a Canadian kraft pulp and paper facility in Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Environmental Science and Pollution Research. 2425: 20685-20698. DOI: 10.1007/s11356-017-9719-5 The Chronicle Herald. 2019. Nova Scotia had secret pact with Northern Pulp to share envionmental assessment costs. Retrieved from: https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/provincial/nova-scotia-had-secret-pact-with-northern-pulp-to-share-environmental-assessment-costs-353558/ WHO. 2016. Air Pollution and health: Summary. Retrieved from: https://www.who.int/airpollution/ambient/about/en/ Watershed Sentinel. 2012. The Pulp Pollution Primer. Retrieved from: https://watershedsentinel.ca/articles/the-pulp-pollution-primer/ Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Three Brooks, Pictou County, Nova Scotia Municipality: Pictou County Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Please Reject Northern Pulp & Paper"s Proposed Effluent into the Northumberland Straight (Public Input for Environmental Assessment Process)
Date: November 7, 2019 9:44:02 AM

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To whom it may concern within the Environment Assessment branch,

I oppose Northern Pulp's plan to pump effluent into the Northumberland Strait. Please put an end to this toxic legacy!

Please accept this as my written opposition regarding the Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation Effluent Treatment Facility proposal, & as part of the public response period for the Focus Report for the Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation Effluent Treatment Facility proposal, which is being considered under Nova Scotia's provincial Environmental Assessment.

Please reject this proposal in its entirety due to the serious negative environmental effects the project will have on the land, air and sea. This project will create human health risks, will damage Nova Scotia's tourism and fishery sectors, and will damage the ecosystems in this region, which include vibrant wetlands, coastal and marine ecosystems, and diverse wildlife.

We need to make smart decisions regarding our communities, our environment, and our planet. This is our home. We only have 1 home, 1 planet Earth. Please, we need to stop polluting it, and instead make decisions that will be healthy and sustainable, not just the quick fix solution. The solution to pollution is NOT dilution!!!

Please make the right decision and reject this damaging and unsustainable project. There are NO economic arguments which can support the damage this project, or others like it, would do to our environment, our communities and our citizens. We need to make better and more sustainable decisions, as people, as citizens, as communities, & as governments, today, and everyday. Sometimes they may require more effort. Sometimes they may be more inconvenient. Sometimes they may even be uncomfortable. But the future of our planet, and our home, are at stake. So it's time we start taking smart & sustainable action in the face of these decisions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

From: @hotmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 9:46:33 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: This is in support of the ETF proposal based on the focus report by professionals, highly trained with global experience showing the fishing industry particularly the lobster industry will not be adversely affected. I believe Boat Harbour will be cleaned up in cooperation with First Nations but we will need an economy which includes the forest industry as it currently exists to fund this clean up without making highly significant sacrifices to Health Care, etc. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Dartmouth Postal-Code:

From: @eastlink.ca
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 9:48:45 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: This continuation of Northern Pulp and Paper effluent disposal into fishing habitats cannot be approved. We cannot keep despoiling the environment and expect to come out without serious damage to health and wholeness of the environment that affects us all. Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address: Municipality: Boutiliers Point Postal-Code:

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Focus Report Response
Date: November 7, 2019 9:57:35 AM
Attachments: MacDonald - NPNS Focus Report Response - Mercury.pdf

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Good morning,

Please find attached my response to Northern Pulp's focus report, and supporting documentation.

Regards,

Antigonish

- **Northern Pulp's environmental documents.pdf**
- **Nova Scotia has a mercury problem.pdf**
- **The Canso Chemicals mystery.pdf**
- **What we know about mercury at Abercrombie Point...**
- **2000 Dillon Decommissioning Report.pdf**
- **Dillon Report - Appendices.pdf**

Northern Pulp Focus Report Response: Mercury Concerns

Submitted by:
Antigonish, NS
@gmail.com

Introduction

I am a resident of Antigonish who frequents Pictou County for work and recently

I wish to register some concerns about Northern Pulp's proposed Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility (ETF). Specifically, the proposal fails to account for the serious environmental risk posed by the underground mercury deposit beneath the site of the decommissioned Canso Chemicals plant, which is adjacent to the site of the proposed ETF.

We know that:

- There is mercury in the bedrock very close to where Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation (NPNS) plans to build its ETF;
- The company's plan includes digging at the proposed site;
- The marine environment is already threatened by the mercury mass, which is slowly spreading towards Pictou Harbour; and
- Excavation could disturb the underground mercury, posing additional risks to the environment and human health.

NPNS' Environmental Assessment Registration Documents and Focus Report neglect this set of facts and their implications for the proposed project. The omission is particularly glaring given that the company hired to prepare the Focus Report (Dillon Consulting) is the same company that conducted the decommissioning report for the Canso Chemicals plant, and which conducts annual mercury monitoring at the site which is reported to the Nova Scotia Department of Environment (NSE).

These facts indicate that constructing the ETF in this location could cause adverse effects or serious environmental effects that cannot be mitigated. It would be irresponsible to consider proceeding without first dealing with a series of unanswered questions, discussed below. Based on the information currently available the Minister of Environment should not allow this project to go ahead.

Risks of Mercury

The dangers of mercury are well known and documented. A "naturally occurring element," mercury can do serious harm to human health even in small quantities. It "is a threat to the

development of the child in utero and early in life," and can have "toxic effects on the nervous, digestive and immune systems, and on lungs, kidneys, skin and eyes."[1]

Mercury exposure to humans usually happens through consumption of contaminated fish and shellfish, or vapour inhalation in industrial settings. It biomagnifies, meaning that the concentration of mercury in organisms increases as it moves up the food chain.[2]

Exposure to mercury is a risk that should be taken extremely seriously when it is a known environmental factor in any proposed industrial development. Its physical effects can be devastating and irreversible, and it can be lethal.

Mercury at former Canso Chemicals site

Opened in 1970, the Canso Chemicals chlor-alkali plant produced chemicals for the mill's pulping process, using large quantities of mercury. In the 1970s the Canadian Press shed light on significant "unaccountable mercury losses" from the plant. When new regulations came in requiring the mill to change its bleaching process, the plant was closed in 1992. The 8-year decommissioning turned up "mercury-contaminated soil and bedrock [which] were excavated to a depth of eight metres", and the Dillon decommissioning report that followed identified a mass of mercury in the bedrock below the site that was 18 metres wide and 10 metres deep.[3] The mass is beneath the water table, posing a risk of groundwater contamination that threatens the marine environment:

> *…the receptor of the mercury-impacted groundwater is expected to be Pictou Harbour, and the plume is expected to eventually discharge to the harbour approximately 700 m northwest of the former cell room … both water quality and sediment quality could be affected …*[4]

The mass was not removed due to the risk of the underground mercury becoming destabilized and spreading further into the environment.[5] The Dillon Report said that excavating the bedrock, which was more than 8 metres underground, would risk "increasing the areal extent and depth of mercury impact due to mercury's physical properties."[6]

Although NSE says Canso Chemicals is responsible for yearly monitoring of the mercury mass, there is no publicly available information about the results of the monitoring.[7] The threshold for mercury concentration set by Dillon Consulting, which conducts testing on behalf of the company, is much higher than the accepted levels established by the Canadian Council of

[1] World Health Organization, *Mercury and health* (2019).
[2] Ibid.
[3] Joan Baxter, "Nova Scotia has a mercury problem." *Halifax Examiner* (2019), p. 11.
[4] Dillon Consulting Limited, *Canso Chemicals Site Decommissioning Final Report* (2000).
[5] Joan Baxter, "Nova Scotia has a mercury problem." *Halifax Examiner* (2019), pp. 10-12.
[6] Dillon Consulting Limited, *Canso Chemicals Site Decommissioning Final Report* (2000).
[7] Joan Baxter, "Nova Scotia has a mercury problem." *Halifax Examiner* (2019), pp. 14-15.

Ministers of Environment for freshwater and marine environments. According to Dr. Tony Walker, a Dalhousie professor who specializes in marine systems and contaminated sites:

> *I'm not sure why it is this high, as the guideline for freshwater is 0.026 ug/L … If it is migrating into a marine environment where there's organic material and biological life in an active fishing industry, then that would merit an investigation.*[8]

Proximity to proposed ETF site

According to NPNS' Environmental Assessment Registration Documents submitted to NSE in February 2019, the company is planning to put an activated sludge treatment facility at a location on Abercrombie Point next to the former Canso Chemicals site. The basins which are part of the design would reach depths of 7 metres or more.[9]

In the company's words:

> *The former Canso Chemicals plant is located on the adjacent property south of the NPNS facility industrial site...Similar to the pipeline, there is limited potential for encountering contaminants; however, NPNS' contingency plan for encountering contaminated materials during construction will apply to the construction of the ETF as well.*[10]

The submission did not acknowledge the mercury mass beneath the former Canso Chemicals site.[11] In an email to the Halifax Examiner about mercury monitoring, an NSE spokesperson confirmed that the location of the deposit "is next to the site of the proposed Northern Pulp effluent treatment plant."[12]

Downplaying the problem

Despite its ownership of 50% of Canso Chemicals (and therefore its access to all available knowledge about the mercury mass), and despite numerous concerns raised in public responses to the EA submission, NPNS has failed to acknowledge the serious risk associated with excavating for and constructing an ETF in close proximity to a known underground mercury mass.

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[8] Dr. Tony Walker, quoted in Brendan Ahern, "What we know about mercury at Abercrombie Point." *New Glasgow News* (2019), p. 2.
[9] Joan Baxter, "Northern Pulp's environmental documents: Missing mercury, a pulp mill that never was, and oodles of contradictions." *Halifax Examiner* (2019), pp. 10-11.
[10] Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation, *Environmental Assessment Registration Document* (2019), Section 8, p. 165.
[11] Joan Baxter, "The Canso Chemicals mystery: With the chemical plant long gone, why is the company still alive? And what about all that mercury pollution?" *Halifax Examiner* (2019), p. 7.
[12] Joan Baxter, "Northern Pulp's environmental documents: Missing mercury, a pulp mill that never was, and oodles of contradictions." *Halifax Examiner* (2019), p. 9.

The main document of the Focus Report submitted by the company to NSE in October 2019 does no more than acknowledge the former existence of the Canso Chemicals plant and its use of mercury:

> *Canso Chemicals also used the BHETF from 1972 until the manufacturing operations concluded in 1992. Canso Chemicals was a chlor-alkali electrolysis facility that generated sodium hydroxide, chlorine, and hydrogen using a mercury cell process and brine solution*.[13]

It is only in the Concordance Table where the mercury mass is identified as a concern, thanks to submissions by members of the public responding to the EA registration documents. Comments and questions about the mercury mass appeared under the Valued Environmental Component (VEC) headings of Atmospheric Environment, ETF Design Concerns, Human Health Evaluation and Soil and Geology.

In most instances NSNP gave a uniform response: "Monitoring will be conducted as part of construction. Contingency plans will be in place to address contaminant if identified."[14] Additionally, NPNS' responses made reference to:

Section 2.4 - Treated Effluent Characterization
Section 9.2 - Human Health Risk Assessment

Section 2.4 makes zero mentions of mercury. Section 9.2 identifies mercury as a Contaminant of Potential Concern (COPC) in effluent discharge, but does not acknowledge the presence of mercury near the site of the proposed activated sludge treatment facility.

Nowhere is there an explanation of the "contingency plans" NPNS will implement, for instance, if excavation for the ETF disturbs bedrock containing mercury. Nor does the focus report explain whether it is a sound approach to deal with mercury "if identified" given the environmental risk of disturbing the underground mass, acknowledged by Dillon Consulting itself.

Unanswered questions

There are many unknowns about the mercury mass on the former Canso Chemicals site and how it might be impacted by Northern Pulp's plan.

According to Joan Baxter, who consulted with Queen's University Professor and fish toxicologist Peter Hodson, the following questions remain to be answered:

[13] Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation, *Focus Report - Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility* (2019), Project Overview, p. xxvi.
[14] Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation, *Focus Report - Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility* (2019), Appendix 1.1 - Concordance Table, p. 4.

1. *There was no estimate made of how much residual Hg [mercury] was in soil or bed rock underneath the chlor-alkali cell. Without such an estimate, it is difficult to have any confidence in models predicting future movement of Hg from the site. If the Hg has penetrated deep into fissures in bedrock, and there are deep pathways for groundwater flow, what is the total movement of Hg off-site at all depths, and is any Hg migrating vertically (up or down)?*
2. *The groundwater surveys (flow, Hg concentration) were made within a few years of dismantling and excavating the site. How much has groundwater flow changed in response to these surface disturbances and to subsequent re-vegetation? Is the model still valid?*
3. *The monitoring of Hg in groundwater demonstrated that one sample well (W-4) was particularly contaminated. However, the [Dillon] report included a recommendation that this sampling well be closed (p 49)! This seems counter-intuitive if the intent of long-term monitoring is to track Hg concentrations over time.*
4. *Was a long-term monitoring program implemented and are the results available? Has the database of groundwater flow and Hg concentrations and overall assessment of risks been updated to reflect the two decades of Hg movement since the last studies? Is monitoring well W-4 still sampled?*
5. *Have surveys been done of soil and groundwater Hg concentrations around the sludge-disposal sites, and are there groundwater wells that are sampled regularly? Even though these sites are described as 'secure,' they can age and start to leak due to frost damage, disturbance by animals, and construction or maintenance activities.*[15]

It is clear that NPNS has not done its due diligence in assessing the risks associated with the presence of mercury near the site where it plans to construct a replacement ETF.

Conclusion

According to Section 12 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, in making a decision on a Class 1 assessment the Environment Minister must consider a variety of physical, ecological, social and legal factors.[16] When one brings these considerations to bear on the question of mercury present in the property adjacent to the site of the proposed ETF, there are numerous outstanding concerns:

- NPNS has not adequately assessed the sensitivity of the surrounding area with respect to underground mercury contamination;

[15] Joan Baxter, "Nova Scotia has a mercury problem." *Halifax Examiner* (2019), p. 22.
[16] Province of Nova Scotia, *A Citizen's Guide to Environmental Assessment* (2019), p. 11.

- Concerns expressed by the public about the mercury mass under the Canso Chemicals site have not been adequately addressed and steps taken by the company to address environmental concerns expressed by the public have been insufficient;
- Baseline information submitted by the company is insufficient for predicting the full range of adverse effects or environmental effects related to construction of the ETF next to a site containing a known underground mercury mass;
- Potential and known adverse effects or environmental effects of the proposed undertaking - including disturbance of underground mercury and the subsequent risk of air and water pollution - have not been assessed; and
- The focus gives inadequate attention to planned or existing land use in the area of the undertaking and other undertakings in the area - i.e. the former Canso Chemicals site.

These concerns alone should be enough to warrant rejection of the proposal by the Minister. Without a thorough investigation of a series of unanswered questions related to mercury in the vicinity of the proposed ETF site, it is impossible to determine that there will be no adverse effects or significant environmental effects; or if they are present, that they can be mitigated. NPNS' blanket statement about a "contingency plan" serves to downplay what is a very real environmental and human health risk. The company has provided no facts to support its assertion that it is safe to build an activated sludge treatment facility on the site adjacent to the former Canso Chemicals plant. The construction of the ETF should not go ahead as planned.

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From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 9:59:05 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I do not want to see effluent from Northern Pulp pumped into the Northumberland Strait. Thank you. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Halifax Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 10:04:30 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: As a Nova Scotia resident who cares about preserving the natural gifts and beauty of our province, I urge you to take action in stopping the Northumberland Pipeline project. This project is a short-term solution with severe long-term implications that will be very damaging to quality of life in our communities, our natural ecosystems, and weather patterns. The toxic waste that has been polluting the land, air and water since the 1960â?Ts has already devastated the Aâ?Tseâ?Tk community. We are all family. We all need security by Constitutional right. Name:
Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Postal-Code:

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From: @outlook.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 10:06:25 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: The debate between Northern Pulp and the Dept of Environment on whether to accept the proposed new ETF should be a clear. We need to move forward with progressive proposal. Northern Pulpâ?Ts new proposal has met all environmental standards and definitely should be accepted and put into action as soon as possible. Northern Pulp also has shown that they respect First Nations by complying with environmental standards. Name: Email: @outlook.com Address: . Municipality: Mahone Bay Postal-Code: B0J 2E0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 51 y: 18

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Hey no pumping effulent in to the strait.There are other ways to make paper using compressed air,has this been examined .Dom Tar had experimented with the Flewwelling paper making machine years ago Brother invented it.Not sure where this process went.They did build the machine I believe.
Name: Email: @mail.com Address:
Municipality: Wolfville Postal-Code

From: @gmail.com
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Dear Minister Wilson, Iâ?Tm writing to express my concerns during the public response period for the Focus Report of the Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation Effluent Treatment Facility proposal being considered under provincial environmental assessment. I would like to ask you to reject this proposal in its entirety due to the serious negative environmental effects the project will have on the land, air and sea. This project will create human health risks, will damage Nova Scotiaâ?Ts tourism and fishery sectors and will damage the ecosystems in this region â?" which include vibrant wetlands, coastal and marine ecosystems and diverse wildlife. Please make the right decision and reject this dangerous project. There are no longer economic arguments which can support the damage this project would do to our environment and our citizens. Sincerely, Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Truro Postal-Code:

From: @hfx.andara.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 10:08:22 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I am opposed to the effluent pipe. I am certain there are options that are safer for the environment. I am also opposed to extending the deadline for shutting down Boat Harbour. We should all be ashamed of that entire situation. I know this is very worrisome for employees and I have sympathy for them. I hope they are treated fairly by their employer, but we cannot continue to give breaks to corporations like Northern Pulp at the expense of the environment and the community. Name: Email: @hfx.andara.com Address: Municipality: Halifax, NS Postal-Code: B3H 3T7 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 56 y: 19

From:	Minister, Env
To:	Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject:	FW: Northern Pulp Toxicity for Far Too Long
Date:	November 7, 2019 10:20:07 AM

From: @smu.ca>
Sent: November 5, 2019 3:56 PM
To: Minister, Env <Minister.Environment@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Northern Pulp Toxicity for Far Too Long

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Dear Minister Wilson,
Please stop allowing the dumping of effluent from Northern Pulp into the Northumberland Strait.
This irresponsible behaviour has gone on for far too long.
Please step up and show some authentic and meaningful action towards environmental protection.
Thank you and regards,

From:
To: Minister, Env
Subject: Say no to Northern Pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 10:17:38 AM

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You can no longer use the excuse that this will mean lost jobs for local people. You and your elected officials and community leaders will have to work hard to create some other means of income for Pictou residents. Education to retrain, repurpose infrastructure for new projects. Help make people feel useful.
As one of the first places settlers put ashore in Nova Scotia, these foreigners had to be creative; they didn't give up when they nearly froze to death; didn't give up with they didn't have enough to eat. They made friends with the first nations peoples, learned how to survive in this inhospitable climate and survive and thrive they did. Without being dismissive to whining, look for people who are creative, who will walk the walk. Positive vibes promotes more positivity.

Sincerely,

From:
To: Minister, Env
Subject: Say no to Northern Pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 10:09:39 AM

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Halifax, NS

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I have to say that I am completely disgusted with the actions of the Provincial government over the years. The government has lied to Pictou First Nations community and as a result has no credibility on the environment portfolio. You have caused great harm to this community and as a Nova Scotian I am deeply ashamed of the provincial government.

The fact that the government has indemnified Norther Pulp and Paper and is responsible for Boat Harbour clean up disgusts me a great deal. You have no right to be so generous with taxpayers' money. Industry must bear the cost of any and all environmental damage.

I am completely disgusted with the Liberal party and more specifically with Premier McNeil who has over promised and under delivered on numerous issues. The next provincial election is going to be a very interesting one. I am equally disgusted with the Conservative party and have recently joined the Green Party who seems to be the only party that will actually do something to protect the environment.

Sincerely,

Halifax

From:
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Subject: Say no to Northern Pulp
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Sincerely,

Sent from my iPad

From:
To:
Subject: Say no to Northern Pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 9:00:50 AM

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Sincerely,

From:
To:
Subject: Say no to Northern Pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 8:53:44 AM

Dear Minister Wilson,

As a local resident of Antigonish, with a cottage on the Northumberland Straight, I'm writing to express my concerns during the public response period for the Focus Report of the Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation Effluent Treatment Facility proposal being considered under provincial environmental assessment. I would like to ask you to reject this proposal in its entirety due to the serious negative environmental effects the project will have on the land, air and sea. This project will create human health risks, will damage Nova Scotia's tourism and fishery sectors and will damage the ecosystems in this region – which include vibrant wetlands, coastal and marine ecosystems and diverse wildlife.

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I have recently read "The Mill" and have been following the discussion over the last year or two. I abhor the waste of tax money and crown resources not to mention the pollution its caused. Time to put an end to this fiasco.

Sincerely,

Halifax, Nova Scotia

It takes guts to stand up and do what's right. Lets not give another $50 million to this
Plant as the government of the day did to Bowater. Tax money can be better spent on a greener alternative and helping move workers to more sustainable employment.
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From:
To: Minister, Env
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Dear Minister Wilson,

There was a template that was to go with this email, but I took it out to write my own message. I hope you take the time to read it.

I'm sure you're sick and tired of hearing about the pulp mill and dealing with the various opinions and perspectives surroundings the effluent pipe. However, I don't think this is a matter of opinion, I think it's a matter of fact, integrity and respect.

I'm a student who calls Pictou County home. My family has lived in the same little farm house for 180 years. I'm about to graduate from university and I would love to move home and help make my home county and province a better place. However if the mill stays open, and continues to pump effluent into the Northumberland Strait, I will not be staying in this province. Driving by that mill is embarrassing, knowing that our government hasn't kept its promises to Pictou Lansing First Nations, and knowing that they're allowing the absolute destruction of the surrounding ecosystems and wildlife disgusts me and is again, embarrassing. The fact that capitalist greed is a priority and has been for so long, tells me that it's that's what matters to my government over the lives of its citizens. I don't want to live in a place like that. I want to live in a place where my government does the right thing, holds true to their promises, demonstrates integrity and shows respect for their indigenous peoples and the environment. Western science, while very factual and helpful, is incredibly black and white and does not even come close to comparing to the wealth and preciseness of indigenous knowledge. LISTEN TO THESE PEOPLE. They have been living with the land since the beginning of time. They can see changes and effects in the environment that science cannot.

As a child, I remember holding my breath driving past the mill on our way home from Pictou, because I was terrified to breathe in the constantly grim clouds of pollution in fear of getting sick. I remember doing this since at least the age of 4. Now, as an adult when I drive home for Thanksgiving and Christmas, I come over the hill near Saltsprings and the first thing I see is the disgusting pulp mill and it's radiating grey clouds. EVERYTIME that I go home, I'm ashamed. I love to fish, but you couldn't pay me to eat a fish that comes out of the Pictou harbour or any rivers near the mill. I love swimming but I refuse to swim at the beaches in Pictou County because of the mill-there's usually a dirty brown scum on top of the water if you're at a beach near the mill, but I've never seen it at any other beaches in my life time. I used to come out of my high school (in Alma) to what we thought was smog, until you smelled it. Then it was obvious that it was pollution from the mill. Pictou County also has ridiculously high amounts of COPD, asthma and cancer. You can't tell me it's not a coincidence.

I'm the next generation that will be having kids, finding a place to settle down and entering the workforce. But I won't be staying here unless something changes. I don't want my child to be scared to swim, holding their breath when they're near Pictou, scared to fish or scared to BREATHE. I don't want them living their life scared that because of where they live, they'll get cancer.

This to me is sad. You're citizens are scared to eat fish from our waters, scared to breath our air, and scared to raise a family. This should be a red flag to you.

So I'm begging you, please please please stop putting corporate capitalist greed above the health and well-being of your citizens. Please keep my future child and my younger self in mind.

If you're worried about the economics of the mill closing, then maybe consider the amount of money lobster fishing

brings in (and could bring in if the mill closes). Consider potential tourism investments if that ugly sight was gone. There are so many less hurtful and destructive ways to compensate for the money they mill will no longer be bringing in. As far as jobs go, Michelin is down the road and a new Cannabis plant has opened in the county. There are options for the people at the mill.

Therefore, I don't think money and jobs are good enough reasons/excuses to justify keeping the mill open and taking advantage of indigenous peoples and the helplessness of general citizens and the environment.

Also, it's again incredibly embarrassing that the province is is getting global attention for its governments actions in regards to the mill and its toxicity.

Enough is enough.

Please do the right thing like I elected this Liberal government to do.

Sincerely,

From:
To: Minister, Env
Subject: Say no to Northern Pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 8:26:30 AM

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Sincerely,

Stillwater Lake, NS

From:
To: Minister, Env
Subject: Say no to Northern Pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 8:20:33 AM

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Sincerely,

From:
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Subject: Northern Pulp
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The Honourable Gordon Wilson
Minister of Environment

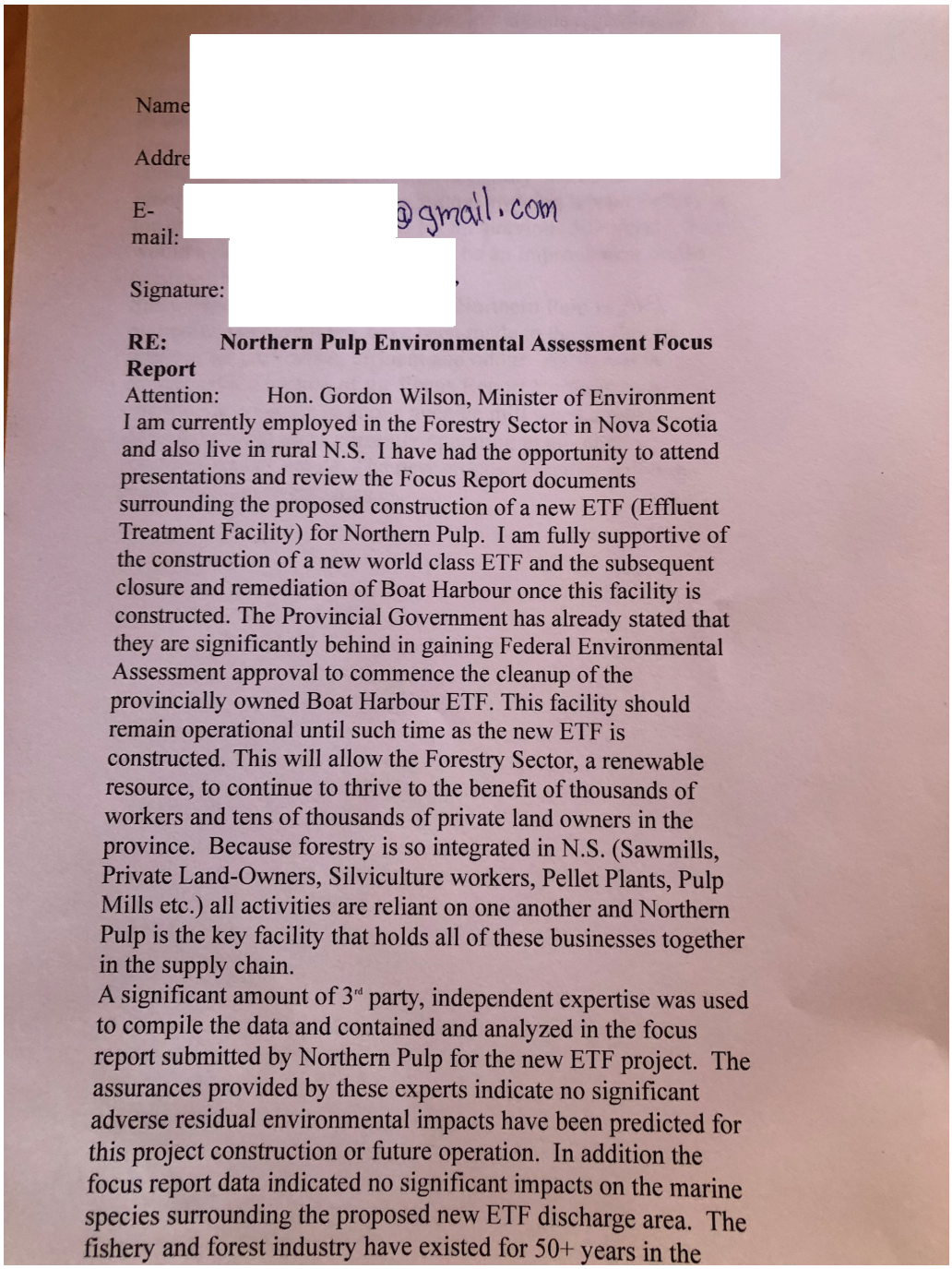
I am opposed to allowing Northern Pulp to discharge their effluent into the Northumberland Strait. The toxic legacy of this operation has gone on far too long. Let's not create new problems that have to be addressed by future generations. The Boat Harbour story is a disgrace to our province. Northern Pulp should find a way to treat their effluent on site or shut down. Shutting down a pump mill is not the end of the world. Just look at what happened in Liverpool.

Dartmouth, NS

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Name [redacted]

Addre [redacted]

E-mail: [redacted]@gmail.com

Signature: [redacted]

RE: Northern Pulp Environmental Assessment Focus Report

Attention: Hon. Gordon Wilson, Minister of Environment

I am currently employed in the Forestry Sector in Nova Scotia and also live in rural N.S. I have had the opportunity to attend presentations and review the Focus Report documents surrounding the proposed construction of a new ETF (Effluent Treatment Facility) for Northern Pulp. I am fully supportive of the construction of a new world class ETF and the subsequent closure and remediation of Boat Harbour once this facility is constructed. The Provincial Government has already stated that they are significantly behind in gaining Federal Environmental Assessment approval to commence the cleanup of the provincially owned Boat Harbour ETF. This facility should remain operational until such time as the new ETF is constructed. This will allow the Forestry Sector, a renewable resource, to continue to thrive to the benefit of thousands of workers and tens of thousands of private land owners in the province. Because forestry is so integrated in N.S. (Sawmills, Private Land-Owners, Silviculture workers, Pellet Plants, Pulp Mills etc.) all activities are reliant on one another and Northern Pulp is the key facility that holds all of these businesses together in the supply chain.

A significant amount of 3rd party, independent expertise was used to compile the data and contained and analyzed in the focus report submitted by Northern Pulp for the new ETF project. The assurances provided by these experts indicate no significant adverse residual environmental impacts have been predicted for this project construction or future operation. In addition the focus report data indicated no significant impacts on the marine species surrounding the proposed new ETF discharge area. The fishery and forest industry have existed for 50+ years in the

commentary by several groups and individuals regarding the potential impact of treated effluent from the mill on lobster fishing grounds, the data provided in the focus report shows the current lobster fishing grounds can be found in closer proximity to the outfall from the existing Boat Harbour Facility than the proposed new outfall. This begs the question on why those concerned with the NEW treatment facility and outfall seem to ignore the data that shows the strong, growing lobster fishery in the area is not being impacted for the previous 50+ years. Why would a new, improved system not be an improvement on the existing situation?

Since Paper Excellence purchased Northern Pulp in 2011 numerous improvements have been made to the facility to improve air particulate, effluent and odour. As shown in benchmarking section of the Focus Report Northern pulp is currently an average to above average mill when compared to other Kraft pulp mills currently operating in all other jurisdictions in Canada. The new proposed facility will only improve on these statistics.

From:
To: Minister, Env
Subject: northern pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 8:20:55 AM

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I strongly oppose Northern Pulp's bid to put plant effluent in the Northumberland strait. This is a beautiful ecosystem that needs to be protected. Look for new ways forward that cherish what we have. I can't believe that this plant has the right to impact so many small communities and coastal properties in PEI and New Brusnwick as well as Nova Scotia.

Sincerely

From:
To: Minister, Env
Subject: Re: Northern Pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 8:10:07 AM

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Sincerely,

From:
To: Minister, Env
Subject: Northern Pulp
Date: November 6, 2019 9:31:45 PM

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Honourable Minister of the Environment ,

I own a cottage on the Northumberland Strait, near Caribou River. Our family has been in love with the North shore of our province since the 1950s. We have watched our provincial governments allow the various companies running the Pulp mill at Abercrombie to clear cut our beautiful forests, decimate the landscape of Pictou county, replant monoculture, pollute the waters and ruin the habitats of people and animals. Now the idea that this company will be permitted to pollute the Northumberland strait is completely unacceptable. Our government must stop kowtowing to multinationals and protect our province. Create jobs that are sustainable and environmentally sound. Shut down the mill!

You’re truly,

From:
To: Minister, Env
Subject: Northern Pulp
Date: November 6, 2019 8:30:28 PM

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Mr. Wilson,

I'm writing in hopes you will not allow Northern Pulp to dump any effluent into the Northumberland Straight.

Their plan is not only reckless, it's unnecessary when there's an option for a closed-loop system. Of course, there's a cost to that but the Indigenous community around Pictou have been paying their own cost since the 1960's and EVERYONE in Atlantic Canada will certainly pay the cost for the inevitable environmental damage that dumping will cause.

It's time to stop this mess.

I sincerely hope that you will do the right thing. If not, there's a lot of people who will never forget inaction.

From:
To: Minister, Env
Subject: Northern Pulp
Date: November 6, 2019 7:36:06 PM

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Dear Minister Wilson,

I am concerned about the Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation Effluent Treatment Facility proposal being considered under the provincial environmental assessment. Please reject this proposal in its entirety due to the serious negative environmental effects the project will have. This project will create human health risks, will damage Nova Scotia's tourism and fishery sectors and will damage the ecosystems in this region.

Yours truly,

Brookside NS

From:
To: Minister, Env
Subject: Northern Pulp
Date: November 6, 2019 7:27:35 PM

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Dear Minister,

I wanted to let you know that I strongly oppose Northern Pulp's plan to pump effluent from their plant into the Northumberland Strait.

To do so continues the stupidity of destroying our land, waters, and air in the pursuit of fleeting jobs.

Please stand up for the environment of our province and for generations to come, and disallow this pumping.

Sincerely,

Halifax, NS

From:
To: Minister, Env
Cc: Honourable Lena Metlege Diab (Lib)
Subject: Northern Pulp
Date: November 6, 2019 7:06:01 PM

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Dear Honourable Member Gordon Wilson,

Please do not let Northern Pulp pump effluent into Northumberland Straight. It is in my opinion, a matter of justice for all.

Thank you for your attention to this concern.

Sincerely,

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 10:22:45 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I do not want to see effluent from Northern Pulp pumped into the Northumberland Strait. Save our oceans Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Halifax Postal-Code: B3H 2J5 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 34 y: 20

From: @eastlink.ca
To: v
Subject: Pulp and Paper Mill Pictou
Date: November 7, 2019 10:00:42 AM

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Dear Minister Wilson,

There is an environmental crisis happening in Pictou County, Nova Scotia and I ask that it not continue by allowing Northern Pulp to pump effluent into the ocean.

Since the 1960's, the mill has been polluting the air, land and water in Pictou. To put a pipeline that will pump up to 90 million litres of toxic pulp effluent a day into the Northumberland Strait is not a solution.
This plan will impact the air, land, water and marine habitats along the Northumberland Strait. There are other solutions. This environmental racism has gone on way to long. It is time to stop.

The Focus Report is 2,600 pages of complex (and sometimes misleading) information with a narrow timeframe for public review. If approved, this plan will have dire impacts our air, water, and sensitive marine ecosystems.

Let us learn from our past mistakes and not allow the Northern Pulp Pipeline to proceed. I do not want to see effluent from Northern Pulp pumped into the Northumberland Strait.

I would like to make it clear to the province that the Northern Pulp Pipeline should not proceed.

Thank you,

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From:
To: Minister, Env
Subject: reject northern pulp proposal
Date: November 7, 2019 10:21:36 AM

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Dear Minister Wilson,

Since the 1960's, a Pulp and Paper mill has been polluting the air, land and water in Pictou, Nova Scotia. Now, Northern Pulp wants to continue their toxic legacy with a pipeline that will pump up to 90 million litres of toxic pulp effluent a day into the Northumberland Strait.

This plan will impact the air, land, water and marine habitats along the Northumberland Strait.I'm writing to express my concerns during the public response period for the Focus Report of the Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation Effluent Treatment Facility proposal being considered under provincial environmental assessment. I would like to ask you to reject this proposal in its entirety due to the serious negative environmental effects the project will have on the land, air and sea. This project will create human health risks, will damage Nova Scotia's tourism and fishery sectors and will damage the ecosystems in this region – which include vibrant wetlands, coastal and marine ecosystems and diverse wildlife.

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Sincerely,

Margaree Valley, Inverness County

From:
To: Minister, Env
Subject: Say no to Northern Pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 10:21:34 AM

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Sincerely,

From:
To: Minister, Env
Subject: Pictou Pulp Mill, Logging, and the Environment
Date: November 7, 2019 10:15:47 AM

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To: **The Honourable Gordon Wilson**
Minister of the Environment

Dear Minister,
You have been hearing from many in the province about the Pictou Pulp Mill and the concerns about effluent. I would like to emphasize some immediate and long term consequent costs of logging activities to feed it:
1. Repairing and maintaining Roads damaged by the logging truck traffic
2. Costs of CO2 added to our environment by the logging industry, which includes trucks, logging machinery, etc. and the upstream generation of CO2 to fuel and maintain the equipment.
3. Health costs of air pollutants generated by vehicles and equipment, particularly by diesel engines in the trucks and equipment used to harvest lumber.
4. Costs of damage, injury, and loss of life due to logging truck accidents.
5. Forestry costs including loss of CO2 capture, loss of habitat and biodiversity, costs due to consequent erosion, and many more.

Consider the total cost to the province of the logging industry. Include the real cost to the province and to the world of net CO2 contributions (probably well over $200 per ton) and the real health costs from air pollution, particularly sub-2.5 micron diesel particulates. All of these numbers are well documented in the peer reviewed literature. Has the province done the arithmetic? Are the costs of continuing to operate the pulp mill greater than the costs of shutting it down, when consequent costs are considered?

The problem of course is that the costs of losing jobs and of losing tax revenue are immediate, while the health benefits accrue over several decades and the environmental benefits over several centuries. We all know we must make the transition to a low carbon environment sooner (2030 is a critical target date) rather than later. By investing in the green economy, which we know is the most rapid creator of jobs across North America and Europe, Nova Scotia could be a leader and create jobs for those displaced by the loss of a pulp mill. At the same time Nova Scotia could be recognized as a leader in dragging the world towards a carbon neutral future. It would be a win-win-win for jobs, revenue, and the environment.

It takes courage to govern for the long term well being and wealth of the province, rather than for the immediate convenience of the political party. I ask you, Minister Wilson, to show that courage. Think of our youth who will inherit our decisions, and make the right decision for the long term well being of Nova Scotia.

Mushaboom, NS

From:
To: Minister, Env
Subject: Say NO to Northern Pulp!
Date: November 7, 2019 10:14:48 AM

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Please make the right decision and reject this dangerous project. There are no longer economic arguments which can support the damage this project would do to our environment and our citizens.

Sincerely,

Black River

From:
To: Minister, Env
Subject: Opposition of the Northern Pulp"s Plan to Dump Affluent into the Northumberland Starit
Date: November 7, 2019 9:40:32 AM

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To: The Honourable Gordon Wilson
Minister of the Environment

I oppose Northern Pulp’s plan to pump effluent into the Strait.
Please put an end to this toxic legacy.

Thanks in advance for your positive action on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

From:
To: Minister, Env
Subject: Comments on Northern Pulp Focus Report
Date: November 7, 2019 9:22:15 AM
Attachments: BRN3C2AF46228E4_0000003401.pdf

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Thank you for your time and consideration with this matter.

Name: _

Address:

E-mail:__

Signature

RE: N

Attention: Hon. Gordon Wilson, Minister of Environment

As an employee / family member of Scotsburn Lumber Ltd. Our mill has been running successfully since we restarted operations in 2012. We currently operate on a two shift basis and process about 90+ MMBF per year. Our operation is vitally dependant on Northern Pulp. Currently, 65% of the studwood we process ends up either as sawmill chips, hogfuel or sawdust and shavings. We sell the product we make at Scotsburn throughout Canada and the United States. If we have no market for our residual products then we will be in a very dire situation. Our industry is very interconnected where each section is critically dependant on the other for material for success. The loss of the largest pulpmill in the province that currently purchases over 90% of the sawmill chips would be a devastating blow to our industry..... one that would be difficult if not impossible to overcome. The vast majority of studwood that our sawmill uses comes from private land in Nova Scotia. If there is little or no market for studwood and pulpwood in the province then the 60,000+ landowners will be negatively impacted by this decision.

We have had the opportunity to review the Focus Report for the new Environmental Treatment Facility (ETF). It is my understanding that this facility will be world class that will meet and exceed all Provincial and Federal environmental regulations. The current Boat Harbour ETF through benchmarking by 3rd party experts shows that Northern Pulp is currently operating as an average to above average facility when compared to like facilities throughout Canada. The new facility will be an improvement on this.

I trust that the science presented through the Focus Report will allow the future construction of a new ETF for Northern Pulp. I know that the Forestry and Fishing sector has co-existed for the last 50+ years and both have had long term success. I see in the focus report that fishermen are setting traps close to the outfall of Boat Harbour. If there was truly an impact on fishing I know that this would not occur. The Focus Report was prepared by 3rd party experts and show data that indicate no significant adverse environmental impacts have been predicted for this projects construction or future operation.

We all want Boat Harbour restored to its natural state. We need the government of N.S. to keep the commitment to clean up this area, at the same time allow Northern Pulp the time to construct their new ETF facility before clean up begins. Failure to do so will cause irreparable damage to the forest industry as a whole in N.S.

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Name: ___

Address:___

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Signature: _

RE: Northern Pulp Environmental Assessment Focus Report

Attention: Hon. Gordon Wilson, Minister of Environment

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To: Minister, Env
Subject: Say "NO" to Northern Pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 9:19:13 AM

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Please make the right decision and reject this dangerous project. There are no longer economic arguments which can support the damage this project would do to our environment and our citizens.

Sincerely,

Cole Harbour-Portland Valley

From: @gmail.com
To: Minister, Env
Subject: Please Reject Northern Pulp & Paper"s Proposed Effluent into the Northumberland Straight (Public Input for Environmental Assessment Process)
Date: November 7, 2019 9:13:02 AM

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Honourable Minister of the Environment, Gordon Wilson,

I oppose Northern Pulp's plan to pump effluent into the Northumberland Strait. Please put an end to this toxic legacy!

Please accept this as my written opposition regarding the Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation Effluent Treatment Facility proposal, & as part of the public response period for the Focus Report for the Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation Effluent Treatment Facility proposal, which is being considered under Nova Scotia's provincial Environmental Assessment.

Please reject this proposal in its entirety due to the serious negative environmental effects the project will have on the land, air and sea. This project will create human health risks, will damage Nova Scotia's tourism and fishery sectors, and will damage the ecosystems in this region, which include vibrant wetlands, coastal and marine ecosystems, and diverse wildlife.

We need to make smart decisions regarding our communities, our environment, and our planet. This is our home. We only have 1 home, 1 planet Earth. Please, we need to stop polluting it, and instead make decisions that will be healthy and sustainable, not just the quick fix solution. The solution to pollution is NOT dilution!!!

Please make the right decision and reject this damaging and unsustainable project. There are NO economic arguments which can support the damage this project, or others like it, would do to our environment, our communities and our citizens. We need to make better and more sustainable decisions, as people, as citizens, as communities, & as governments, today, and everyday. Sometimes they may require more effort. Sometimes they may be more inconvenient. Sometimes they may even be uncomfortable. But the future of our planet, and our home, are at stake. So it's time we start taking smart & sustainable action in the face of these decisions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

From:	Minister, Env
To:	Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject:	FW: Pulp Mill Pipe
Date:	November 7, 2019 10:23:29 AM

From: @gmail.com>
Sent: November 7, 2019 8:24 AM
To: Minister, Env <Minister.Environment@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Pulp Mill Pipe

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Dear Mr. Gordon,

I oppose Northern Pulp's plan to pump effluent into the Northumberland Straight.

This plan will cause long term effects that would be environmentally harmful, but also economically harmful to sustainable industries such as tourism and our fisheries.

Please chose a longer term sustainable solution for Nova Scotia and Nova Scotians, and not making a foreign owned corporation profitable at the cost to native peoples, fishermen, and other Nova Scotians.

The world and our society is becoming more environmentally conscious; pumping industrial waste into the ocean does not fit with our values in 2019 and would be an irreversible mistake.

Best Regards,

From: Minister, Env
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: FW: Saying NO to Northern Pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 10:23:59 AM

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From: @icloud.com>
Sent: November 7, 2019 8:39 AM
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To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: FW: Say no to Northern Pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 10:25:31 AM

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From: @telus.net>
Sent: November 7, 2019 10:22 AM
To: Minister, Env <Minister.Environment@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Say no to Northern Pulp

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Halifax, NS

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Subject: FW: Say no to Northern Pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 10:25:49 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I write in support of a new Effluent facility. Is rare in this day and age that companies want to invest money to keep operations local safe and prosperous. These are well paid jobs, people that pay taxes that fund things in our communities like hospitals, roads, and green initiatives. Third parties have concluded that this new facility can be done safely, letâ?Ts keep this community alive and good paying jobs in NS Name: Email: Address: Municipality: Toronto Postal-Code:

From: @live.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 10:32:51 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: This project is necessary for this small community to survive. It means 250 direct jobs but the spin-off jobs will be much more. The ripple effect will be devastating to the community and the surrounding communities and indeed the entire province. It is absolutely possible to have industry continue and protect the environment at the same time. Iâ?Tm from the Oil and Gas industry, Iâ?Tm a worker in the Oilsands. We have to be able to have industry continue itâ?Ts work, it is a necessity for our economy. We can do both. We absolutely can have industry and still protect the environment. In fact, we must. Name: Email: @live.com Address: Municipality: Fort McMurray Postal-Code:

From: @unifor.org
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 10:34:32 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Im not from Nova Scotia. Im from Ontario. But Canadians have so much in common. We know we are a resource rich country, probably our biggest competitive advantage in the global economy. Our jobs and our national wealth depend upon it. We know we cant exist without respecting the environment in the short, medium and long term. We know we must always respect the rights of indigenous peoples. These common values may conflict sometimes, but with honest commitment and effort we can reconcile them. Northern Pulp has answered the questions that need to be answered. A sustainable operation is possible. A communitys livelihood can be saved. As a fellow Canadian from far away Toronto, I wish you the best in getting this on track. Name: Email: @unifor.org Address: Municipality: Toronto Postal-Code: M6G1W4 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 59 y: 16

From: ∂xplornet.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 10:38:30 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Our forestry contracting company has been in business for 20 years. After the demise of Bowater from the province, we have become dependent on Northern Pulp to purchase pulp. Without this mill, the only alternative would be the pulp mill in Port Hawkesbury. The distance involved for trucking would not make it viable, plus the carbon footprint would be huge. Even though our operation is several hours away from the Northern Pulp mill, the closure would greatly effect our operation of five forestry machines operators, plus two log trucks drivers. We are asking the government other officials involved to consider not only the direct impact of the closure to employees of the mill, the County of Pictou taxes collected, the loss of product produced by the mill, but the impact that third party companies such as ourselves would bear. The closure ultimately would be the demise of forestry contracting businesses and other mills in the province who depend on NP taking their c hips. The loss would be huge to businesses in Nova Scotia considering everything from forestry to trucking to the finished product, with all that is directly indirectly involved in one way or another along the way. Forestry is a renewable, sustainable and healthy business in this province. For the sake of a short term extension that NP needs to meet their commitment, please dont let the future of forestry in Nova Scotia slip away. Name: Valliside Forestry Ltd. Email: @xplornet.com Address: Municipality: Aylesford Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 10:43:24 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Mr. Wilson I write this letter in support of the proposal effluent treatment facility at Northern Pulp. They are providing a sound and comprehensive plan with proven technology that has been used effectively in the industry for years. The state of the art design comes from credible engineering consultants who have provided this type of facility all over the world. Some points I find very positive are the fact that water temperature within 5 meters of the diffuser will be less than a degree difference from that of the ocean water. Also there is no history of ice scour at the location of the diffuser port which is in 20 meters of water and that the treated effluent will not be visible at the ocean surface. Most importantly independent environmental experts assert that no significant impacts are expected on any fisheries or fish habitat as a result of this project. This letter comes from someone who lives and camps along the Northumberland Strait and enjoys boating and fishing in the same waters. Thank you for your time and I hope your appreciate the validity of the science brought forth in the Focus Report and grant approval of the new treatment facility. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Little Harbour Municipality: Trenton Postal-Code:

From:	Environment
To:	Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject:	Proposed Project Comments
Date:	November 7, 2019 10:44:02 AM

Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Stop toxifying our environment now! Name: Email: Address: Municipality: Postal-Code: Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 60 y: 20

From: @hotmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 10:57:01 AM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: The forestry sector in Canada is a renewable sector, focused on sustainability and implementing the best available processes to reduce impact on the environment. Canada is a world-leader in forestry regulations and enforcement. Eighty-eight 88 other pulp and paper mills across the country coexist and support their communities. The Nova Scotia Environment Act must balance the need to protect our shared environment and guide our economic development. This new effluent treatment facility meets the goal of balancing economic development with environmental protection. Detailed environmental tests clearly show this project should be approved. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Postal-Code: Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 45 y: 19

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Northern Pulp Focus Report
Date: November 7, 2019 10:59:55 AM

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To the Minister of the Environment:

I am writing in relation to the Northern Pulp Focus Report, that was submitted October 4, 2019.

My name is and I have a science degree (B.Sc.) from MSVU.

I have enjoyed living on the Northumberland Strait since 1965, first as a cottager and then as a full time resident since 1981.
I have learned to have great respect for the unpredictable nature and force of the ocean. And, I can attest to the increase in wind, wave action, and storms in recent years.
This increase in natural forces should have been given more consideration in the modelling of the air and effluent dispersion. I realize the difficulty in predicting but the report had no trouble in predicting outcomes based on a one month observation of water conditions in the Strait.

I have put many hours into studying the Focus Report and am concerned by the frequent use of words such as “expected, predicted, generally, anticipated, unlikely, assuming and could”. These words leave a real sense of uncertainty of the stated outcomes.
It would appear that the public is again being asked to trust the highly suspect “science” being put forward.

The Dillian Consult group has done a wonderful job in word smithing and marketing for Northern Pulp’s intended outcome. **But this is not science.**

I would ask the Minister to reject this project based on lack of true science or at the very least submit it to a full environmental assessment.

We only get one chance to get this right and protect our life sustaining environment.

Respectfully submitted,

From: @bellaliant.net
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Cc: info@friendsofthenorthumberlandstrait.ca
Subject: NPNS Focus Report for the Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility
Date: November 7, 2019 11:11:18 AM

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Mr. Gordon Wilson

Minister of Environment

Re: Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Focus Report for the Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility Project

My name is from New Glasgow with property in Chance Harbour approximately meters from the mouth of Boat Harbour. I am anxious to see the closure of Boat Harbour as an ETF, but I also have concerns with the proposed AST being implemented. Technology has advanced by leaps and bounds in the last few decades and no significant traces of effluent should be dumped in our waters.

The EA 1 does not provide adequate time for a proper and thorough assessment. The proposed ETF is significant and complex, and sufficient time is needed for engineers to be diligent in their testing, such as, weather conditions can be different from one year to the next and seasonal conditions should be studied over a five year period.

Oxygen Delignification

Page 34 of the Focus Report (FR) states that COD can be reduced by 55% without an oxygen delignification system. The oxygen delignification system will not be included until after the proposed EST is operational and no time frame is established by NPNS for its installation. This means effluent with only a 55% reduction will be dumped into the receiving water for an undetermined time frame. (Ref. pg. 191 FR)

Performance Temperature

Temperatures of the effluent from NPNS dumped into the receiving water are similar to temperatures at the Howe Sound and Port Alberni mills. What will be the long term effect to the Northumberland Strait that is relatively shallow with warm summertime water? Is the 37°C measured at the diffusers? If so, then heat transfer along the pipeline will be added to temperature of Caribou Harbour. The FR states designed temperature controls should prevent thermal shock that may affect marine life. How accurate and reliable are these controls. Will the failure of the controls default to shut down the system? (Ref pg. 152 FR)

Modelling

The MIKE21 far field model and CORMIX near field model are computer generated simulations. There is no evidence backing up the accuracy of these models like how often these programs were used to design AST systems and how close the modelling predictions

were to actual results. The ambient water conditions were taken from Pictou Road instead of the area around CH-B. The report states the ambient conditions would be worse than water around CH-B. However; would not the report be more authentic, if the ambient conditions around CH-B were used? (Ref pg.16 Appendix E1-E2)

Pipeline Protection

NPNS has chosen SDR17 as a suitable protection for the pipe. This is a heavier gauge 53.8 mm thick pipe, but there is no mention of the manufacturer's test results and expected life.

Air Quality

The study done on air quality using discrete receptor sites show TRS exceeded 10-minute limit. (Ref pg. 110 FR) Will the new ETF get the TRS to acceptable levels? Will odour from the TRS and particulate matter and other noxious gases be released from the sludge when it is burned in the power boiler?

Sufficient air monitoring sites should be located downwind from the mill to capture all regional wind directions. It seems the current sites are inadequate to measure stack emissions at any given time. (Ref Section 6.3)

Conclusion

The AST is 30 year old technology and in this day and age industry should do much better disposing their effluent. I am opposed to the current ETF proposal. Nova Scotia should be on the leading edge of a clean environment and we should expect any new project to achieve a stack emissions effluent discharge to within 95% of normal ambient conditions. Discharge temperatures should not have a negative impact on the receiving water.

The EA should not be approved based on the information supplied. There is insufficient data and testing to support the model simulations. I am definitely opposed to the extension of Boat Harbour even though it puts NPNS in an awkward position to carry on its operation. However; your decision should be based solely on the environmental impact this project could have. Inadequate testing to back up the modelling kept jumping out at me as I read through the report.

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: EA Public Comments - R Lively
Date: November 7, 2019 11:11:49 AM
Attachments: EA Letter .pdf

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November 5, 2019

Hon. Gordon Wilson
Minister of Environment
Nova Scotia Environment
PO Box 442
Halifax, NS B3J 2P8

Dear Minister Wilson,

I am writing you to lend my sincere support to Northern Pulp's Environmental Assessment and science based Focus Report. Upon reviewing the report it was evident that Northern Pulp's proposed state-of-the-art waste water treatment facility will definitely meet or exceed Provincial and Federal environmental standards. As a Forester who adheres to sound environmental practices on a daily basis and relies on a healthy environment for my family and livelihood, I do not take this position lightheartedly.

Any concerns I may have had are now dismissed due to the detailed and comprehensive report presented to you. I take this opportunity to ask; will the new wastewater treatment facility be equivalent to, or even more environmentally sound, than other North American pulp mills? Yes. Has the report used good measure and science to alleviate any concerns related to harmful effects to marine life, water quality, and temperature? Yes. Has the focus report demonstrated that Northern Pulp can operate in an environmentally sustainable manner, coinciding with the fishing industry, communities, and nature enthusiasts for years to come? Yes. And are those who will always remain critical and do not support this project and paint an exaggerated and glim picture, ignoring the facts and science? Unfortunately, yes.

We as Nova Scotian's now have the opportunity to right an environmental wrong and protect a long-standing and economically vital forest industry. An industry which is key to the rural way of life, which in turn provides significant funds to benefit and service all Nova Scotians. I respectively call on you as Minister of Environment in Nova Scotia to approve the environmental assessment submitted by Northern Pulp based on the principles of science and the knowledge we have all gained from this process.

Sincerely,

Ledwidge Lumber Co. Ltd.

From:
To: Minister, Env
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Sent from my iPhone

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Please do not allow the pulp Mill in New Glasgow, NS to continue to pump toxic waste. This practice should be stopped. We need to take a stand for our environment and the healthy future of our province. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Kentville Postal-Code:

From: _____
To: Minister, Env
Subject: Northern Pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 11:03:22 AM

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Dear Minister Wilson,

I have been a resident of Nova Scotia all my life and I have spent almost a third of my life on the Northumberland Strait. Having family from Pictou County, we spent every summer there and for the last 40 years my husband and I spend most of each spring, summer and fall near Caribou on the shore.

I remember when Scott Paper first came to Abercrombie and we all watched the water turn brown and the air begin to stink. I remember my late uncle from New Glasgow telling me in the early seventies that everyone in the county knew that the rate of illness at the Pictou Landing First Nation was through the roof. People were showing up at the hospital in record numbers. Friends recently told me that a display at Pictou Landing of all the folks who have died is on display there and it is heart-wrenching.

My mother fondly remembered going swimming at the Lighthouse beach years before the mill opened and it was pristine and beautiful.

We have had over 50 years to learn about the effects of this mill on the environment in Pictou County. There is no question that it has been devastating; most of all to the people of Pictou Landing but also to the surrounding area. The Northumberland Strait and the land of that area have provided an income to fishermen and farmers for hundreds of years. Why would we ever risk that? Yes, there have been some jobs in the forests due to the mill but much better jobs could be developed which would use the natural hardwoods that grow there and have an environmentally positive impact on the long term. It is long past the time that we should be cutting down softwoods for pulp. And I would of course fully support the workers at the mill and the retired mill workers receiving fair financial compensation and their pensions guaranteed by the province. It would be a small price to pay to finally close that mill down and begin to restore the land, air and water to health.

I hope that I can pass on the 20 acres I own on the Northumberland shore to my children and grandchildren. I hope they will still want to be there using the land, the forest and the ocean.

But if we start pumping 90 million litres of effluent every day in those rich fishing grounds and beautiful recreational waters, will there be anything there for them or anyone else in the future?

Surely in 2019 we can come up with a better way to employ people and use our resources for jobs as well as for the long term health of our people and our environment.

I long for the day I can come over Mount Thom and not see that huge ugly plume of air pollution pouring into the atmosphere and I can know we have found a cleaner and more sustainable way to give folks jobs and utilize the beautiful natural resources we have been so fortunate to inherit.

Surely we can do better for all of us. Respectfully submitted,

, Halifax

From:
To: Minister, Env
Cc: info@ecologyaction.ca
Subject: Northern Pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 10:40:55 AM

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Minister Wilson,
I realize time is running short for making comment on NP.
Here is my view:
2020 deadline was a mistake and anything we do just because 2020 stands in the way is the wrong approach. It is a gun to our head and to make decisions with that in mind only complicates matters. It is a poor foundation.
Even though I understand science (that is, able to evaluate scientific articles) I am not able to make a decision for or against NP because the science does not exist, hence the need for a Class 2 environmental assessment. I have full confidence in our scientists that they can do the required work and be disinterested in decision making.
At this stage we do not know what the best process is to treat effluent from the Kraft process. Does it have to go to the Strait? There is a process called Wetland Engineering used is other places that has environmentalists support. Can we do it here? It is my understanding that NP will agree to doing a pilot project, which can take about two years to complete, and cost about $1,000,000. If successful, the whole effluent process will cost approximately the same as a pipe into the Strait, $85,000,000.
There is always a risk reward formula in all we do. The formula applies to politics, the environment, and the way of life of citizens of this province.
It is my view that the 2020 law needs to be changed in order to properly evaluate the total effects on this province. First Nation trust is essential, and god knows they have been lied to in the past, but is a very intelligent individual and fully understands the implication of having a mill and not having a mill.
Some have suggested that the air around NP and east of there has made for higher cancer rates. I have looked at the rates and find no correlation. Rates of various types of cancer vary around the province.
Minister Wilson, you have a very difficult decision to make; the lives of many, many Nova Scotians will be effected, economically and otherwise. A ration decision should not be based on a deadline like 2020.

Thank You,

PS. Also, a thank you for Bill 163

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I am very much opposed to the plan of allowing effluent from Northern Pulp to be pumped into the Northumberland Strait. If approvrd, this plan will have dire impacts on our air, water, and sensitive marine ecosystems. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Wolfville Postal-Code:

From:	Minister, Env
To:	Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject:	FW: Reject Northern Pulp"s treatment facility
Date:	November 7, 2019 11:22:19 AM

From: @eastlink.ca>
Sent: November 7, 2019 11:19 AM
To: Minister, Env <Minister.Environment@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Reject Northern Pulp's treatment facility

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Dear Minister Wilson,

I am writing to express grave concerns during the public response period for the Focus Report of the Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation Effluent Treatment Facility proposal being considered under provincial environmental assessment. I urge you to do the right thing for the Nova Scotia people, and REJECT this proposal in its entirety due to the serious negative environmental effects the project will have on the land, air and sea. This project will create human health risks, will damage Nova Scotia's tourism and fishery sectors and will damage the ecosystems in this region – which include vibrant wetlands, coastal and marine ecosystems and diverse wildlife. Northern Pulp has also incurred an enormous amount of forest clearcutting across the province. It is unacceptable. Damage from clearcutting practices will endure for centuries, not only to the forest, but also the soil nutrients and extend to the acidified waterways.

Please make the right decision and reject this dangerous project. There are no longer economic arguments which can support the damage this project would do to our environment and our citizens.

Sincerely,

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Northern Pulp - Comments from Save our Seas and Shores PEI
Date: November 7, 2019 11:23:29 AM
Attachments: SOSSPEI - Northern Pulp - November 2019.pdf
SOSS NS Letter Northern Pulp November 2019.pdf

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Save our Seas and Shores PEI,
81 Prince St, Charlottetown, PE
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November 5, 2019

Honourable Gordon Wilson, Minister of Environment
1894 Barrington St, Suite 1800
Box 442
Halifax NS B3J 2P8

Dear Minister Wilson,

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from its mill into the Northumberland Strait. We want to say that we are in full agreement with that position, and with the attached letter which was submitted by on behalf of SOSS-NS.

This is an issue that crosses provincial boundaries, affecting the residents of Prince Edward Island, especially those who make their living in the fisheries. We know the Strait is already affected by heavy concentrations of nitrates, and, as point out in their letter, there has been an alarming depletion in oxygen in the Gulf in general. Many species of whales, fishes and birds are endangered or threatened. All of these factors point to the importance of exercising the precautionary principle in making decisions.

We urge you to respect the wishes of the many people and organizations, the fishers, the environmentalists, members of the First Nations and of communities on both sides of the Strait who have spoken out in opposition to Northern Pulp's plan.

Save our Seas and Shores PEI

November 3, 2019

The Hon. Gordon Wilson
NS Minister of Environment
1894 Barrington St
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Halifax NS B3J 2P8

Dear Mr. Minister,

Save our Seas and Shores is a coalition of fishers, First Nations and concerned activists from NS, NB, PEI, QC and NL who have advocated for protection of the Gulf of St Lawrence for decades. The Gulf of St Lawrence provides global food sources and feeds the coastal communities of 5 provinces and thousands of jobs with its multi-billion dollar sustainable fishery and tourism industries.

We are writing today to comment on Northern Pulp's Focus report which details its ill-advised, unrealistic scheme to pump 92 million litres of toxic kraft bleached effluent into this exceptionally fragile body of water. This egregious proposal lacks integrity, responsibility and a concrete grip on reality. Our coalition vehemently opposes a pipe dumping toxic pulp mill effluent adjacent to Caribou Harbour or anywhere in the Northumberland Strait and Gulf of St Lawrence. Let us explain why.

1) Six and a half times smaller than the Gulf of Mexico, the Gulf of St. Lawrence is a fragile, landlocked, semi-enclosed inland sea that completely exchanges its water with the Atlantic Ocean only once a year. As one of the most productive marine regions in Canada and one of the most precious ecosystems on earth, (according to Dr, David Suzuki), it should never be placed in harm's way. Because of its circular, counterclockwise currents, any contamination will be widespread along the Gulf coastlines of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Newfoundland.This is further exacerbated by winter ice coverage that eliminates wave action that could contribute to oxygenation of the water. This freshwater effluent will raise to the surface and lay under the ice lay for months at a time every winter.

For 50 years, Northern Pulp has dumped 92 million litres of kraft bleached effluent, known to be one of the most toxic marine pollutants on this earth, every single day into this fragile ecosystem where over 2,000 marine species spawn, nurse and migrate annually. Their irrational logic for the continuation of this immoral conduct is that they've done it for fifty years and no harm has been done... so they say.

In reality, as it stands now, the Right whale, Blue whale, leatherback turtle, piping plover and harlequin duck are endangered; while Atlantic salmon, cod, fin whale, humpback whale are in trouble; bass are in sharp decline, as are mackerel and herring; Bluefin tuna are starving and flocking to fishing boats for food – these are just some examples of the disgraceful indicator that in only fifty years, our generation has taken for granted and degraded our Gulf's natural, renewable resources. We have allowed unfettered industrial development and pollution with little

regard for the precautionary principle and ecosystem approaches demanded by the United Nations Convention on Biodiversity, supported by Canada in 1992.

In October of 2018, international scientists noted that the Gulf of St Lawrence is one of the most deoxygenating bodies of water on this earth.

https://e360.yale.edu/digest/the-gulf-of-st-lawrence-is-losing-oxygen-faster-than-almost-any-other-marine-environment

The authors of this study also note that protection of the Gulf needs to happen via governments at regional and local levels.

How does NSDOE reconcile this international science with Northern Pulp's irrational logic that a half a century of toxic effluent dumped into spawning waters determines that they should continue to violate our oceans? Northern Pulp's focus report reads as if they are dumping into pristine waters, rather than the deeply degraded fragile ecosystem the Northumberland Strait and Gulf of St Lawrence have now become in 2019.

There is no mention in Northern Pulp's focus report of the current state of de-oxygenation in this body of water. Hence the entire focus report is a farce, not grounded in truth or reality.

2) Northern Pulp plans to build its treatment facility on top of mercury that was buried by previous owners. Any individual is aware that disturbing buried mercury could lead to irrevocable consequences. The enclosed article by investigative journalist Joan Baxter explains this mercury problem in great detail. Yet it is being all but ignored by the NS Dept of Environment. It is disgraceful conduct for a department mandated to protect Nova Scotia's renewable resources to simply ignore and pretend that this monster of a mercury problem does not exist. Our children deserve better scrutiny and oversight of proposed industrial developments in 2019 when their very future is in peril.

https://www.halifaxexaminer.ca/province-house/nova-scotia-has-a-mercury-problem/

3) Perhaps NSDOE is ignoring this frightening mercury problem because of the conflict of interest you are in, as both owner, operator of the Boat Harbour treatment facility and alleged environmental protector of Nova Scotia's resources. For this reason, our coalition does not have any faith or believe your department can ethically determine this environmental assessment. We believe there should be a full federal assessment under CEAA.

Whatever your reasons for ignoring this looming mercury crisis, and the current de-oxygenation of our precious Gulf and its ongoing decline of marine resources, Save our Seas and Shores reiterates that we are vehemently opposed to any further effluent being dumped by this antiquated mill into the Northumberland Strait.

We are grateful to the Nova Scotia government for its leadership in establishing the Boat Harbour Act. But you must finish what you have started. Re-routing the toxic effluent from Boat Harbour to Caribou Harbour is MOVING the problem.Not solving it.

It is our responsibility as adults to protect the ecosystems that enable resource development for future generations. Up until now, we have failed our children. This must stop. Now. There must be #NOPIPE in the Northumberland Strait.

Respectfully submitted,

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November 5, 2019

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We urge you to respect the wishes of the many people and organizations, the fishers, the environmentalists, members of the First Nations and of communities on both sides of the Strait who have spoken out in opposition to Northern Pulp's plan. There is far too much at risk to warrant giving Northern Pulp permission to execute their plan.

Save our Seas and Shores PEI

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Subject: nern Pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 11:25:15 AM
Attachments: NP Letter Nov 7th, 2019.pdf
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Good Morning

Honorable Gordon Wilson

Attached is a letter regarding the environmental assessment of the proposed effluent treatment facility for Northern Pulp. Boilermakers Local 73 represent 931 members in the maritime provinces. Thanks for you consideration of our letter.

Assistant Business Manager/Dispatcher

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November 7, 2019

Honorable Gordon Wilson
Minister of Environment
Nova Scotia Environment
PO Box 442
Halifax, NS
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Dear Honorable Wilson:

My name is I represent the members of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Local 73. Boilermakers in Nova Scotia have been maintaining and upgrading industrial sites in the Maritimes and across Canada for generations. Our organization is committed to the environment and solutions to the climate change concerns all over the world. We have been major players in Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS) in heavy industries in Canada and in Europe.

I am contacting you today to give you my feedback and insight on the Northern Pulp Environmental assessment in regards to their proposed waste water treatment facility. I have looked through the focus report on Paper Excellence website and communicated with many of our members and contractors. The vast majority of our members would like to see the mills treatment facility constructed. If the findings in the focus report are accurate, I think the major concern that was addressed was the fishing industry. According to the report there will be no significant impact on any fisheries. This is very important to many of our members, although we are tradespeople many of us are recreational and commercial fishermen & women.

Another key thing noticed from the focus report is water quality where effluent will be discharged in the Northumberland Strait. I wouldn't expect the Province of Nova Scotia to approve Northern Pulps plan if it didn't meet or exceed Canadian Marine Regulations. Having environmental experts review the plans and address these concerns are very important to all Nova Scotians.

The impact on a treatment facility being built would be very beneficial to our organization and create jobs for many tradespeople in Nova Scotia. This would create a significant boost in the Pictou County economy. Year after year, there is a surge of business in the area when Northern Pulp does its annual maintenance work. Hotels are full, restaurants are busy and local businesses are seeing a transient workforce arrive in the area and spend a portion of the good and fair wages which Northern Pulp is responsible for.

We recognize your work and the work of the Provincial Government. You have been instrumental in a number of bills regarding the environment like Bill 152 & 163. The Boilermakers, like yourself can find common ground in protecting the environment, our members being the boots on the ground. We were the main trade union in the construction of major pollution control devices on industrial sites in the province. A few examples would be the precipitator upgrade at Northern Pulp in 2014 through 2015. Construction of the Bag House at Trenton Power Unit 5 to help reduce particulate that was being discharged from the stacks in 2008 through 2009, just to name a few.

Understanding the 3rd party evaluation and findings, our members would like to be a part of this project. We are willing, capable and ready to be a part of any construction to help the residents of Pictou County & Nova Scotia. We support the approval of the treatment facility as it will be a world class effluent treatment plant. We would be proud to have it on a list of our construction achievements.

Respectfully,

Assistant Business Manager
Boilermakers Local 73

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: As a citizen of Nova Scotia and taxpayer I am outraged at the corporate irrisponsibility and government inaction in the continuance of dumping effluent into the harbour at Picto. When will action be take in halting this practice. We are looking to government to take the ethical path. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Kentville Ns Postal-Code: B4N 2P3 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 64 y: 31

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: The water here is bad enough. Please dont pollute it more. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: 1- Municipality: Halifax Postal-Code:

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To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I have reviewed the Focus Report submitted by Northern Pulp and have full confidence in this Project. I have worked over the years many times at this Pulp Mill and this Owner Paper Excellence has in my opinion worked towards correcting many issues. Please grant then the green light for this Project. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address:
Municipality: Antigonish Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I am opposed to effluent being pumped into the Northumberland Strait. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: . Municipality: Halifax Postal-Code:

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: NP -Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility Project
Date: November 7, 2019 11:53:08 AM
Attachments: NP.docx

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Mr Wilson,

Please find letter attached regarding the Effluent Treatment Facility

Thank you,

Hon. Gordon Wilson,

As an individual who works in the forestry industry, I'm asking for your support. With the help of the extensive scientific Focus Report submitted to the Minister of Environment, I really feel the facts are in the science. As we try and move forward with investing in a state of the art effluent treatment facility at Northern Pulp, we need your help and Nova Scotia does need Forestry.

The strait has been fished for over 50 years with success and as stated by third party environmental experts there will be no significant impacts on habitat or fisheries in the future with the new facility as well as there will be no significant impact on marine species during the new construction. Northern Pulp has chosen to use a thicker pipe than even required for additional protection as well as the effluent entering the facility is always being monitored and spill basins are used if levels are out of balance or for power outages.

Canadian Marine guidelines will be met and experts have also determined that the ocean temperature will be less than 1 degree celsius difference than the treated waste water. In comparing Northern Pulp to other Canadian pulp mills, it is a very normal and typical mill. Northern Pulp has reduced greenhouse gases and its energy usage is over 92 % renewable.

When the state of the art wastewater facility is complete, Northern Pulp will continue to thrive in the industry and our community. Please use science and approve the environmental assessment and help Northern Pulp coexist. NOVA SCOTIA NEEDS FORESTRY

Thank you

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I do not have a technical background, but from all the information I can understand in the report, I can not see why this is an issue. The report certainly seems to be through and it would appear to me that this is a very good project. I believe we need to promote a Strong Economy in Nova Scotia as well as Environmental Stewardship, and they must co-exist. I believe, having reviewed all the information I have been seen on this assessment, that this is a viable solution that is environmentally sound. Name: Email: @live.com Address: Municipality: Upper Stewiacke Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Upon reviewing the Focus Report I believe that the government should approve the environmental assessment for the following reasons: The treated wastewater will have no significant impact on marine life or water quality in the Northumberland Strait as per assessment by the environmental experts. Northern Pulp has selected a thicker discharge pipe as well as an automated leak detection system to add further protection to the waterways. The Nova Scotia Forestry Industry will be massively affected negatively by the loss of jobs without the Pulp Paper Mill operating in the province. I feel that this project has been researched thoroughly by independent consultants in order for the company to report their findings to the Department of the Environment in a well documented report. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address:
Municipality: STELLARTON Postal-Code:

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Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 12:05:08 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I recently had an opportunity to visit a brother in law in Calgary, Alberta. It was enjoyable outing to have a tour of the city downtown in his mint 67 Chevrolet Impala convertible. With the car top down, we gazed skyward with an unobstructed view of the high-rise skyscrapers of this modern city. This was a convenient vehicle for downtown sightseeing, but i must admit, it was a bit unnerving not to have the security of seat belts we are all so accustom to in todays modern car. That 1967 model was the first year cars had seat belts - only 2 lap belts for the front bench seat, no shoulder straps and no restraint of any sort in the back seat. But of coarse, the big car has a large block engine, plenty of horse power and, except for a muffler on the exhaust, no add on components or technology to deal with any form of pollutants or emissions. These were the standards of the day - little was incorporated in the cars design in the way of passenger safety or environment pe rformance. The motor vehicle standards have really changed since that 1967 model, the year Northern Pulp started operating in Abercrombie. As a Pictou County youth in the 60s, I recall the standard practice to get rid house hold garbage - drop it off, what ever it was, unsorted and in any condition, to municipal run dump sites along the shore of the river in New Glasgow, Trenton or rural in places like Chance Harbor. At these locations, fires burned was was combustible, rats ate was was consumable and ultimately the ashes, tin cans bottles were dozed over the river bank into the waterways. Eventually, in the 70s and beyond, local governments introduced household garbage collection, sorting, composting, recycling and landfill. The solid waste standards have really changed since the 1967 town dumps, the year Northern Pulp started operating in Abercrombie. The streams, rivers, harbours and straits of Pictou County not only received pollution from the many town dumps, they were also the receiving waters for all the raw sewage from every toilet, shower sink in every town, village, home, cottage and camp along their shores. The standard of the day was to pipe all sewer, waste effluent direct into our waterways. Eventually, in the 70s and beyond, local governments installed central sewage collections systems, introduced on site treatment regulations and built community treatment facilities to process sewage before it is discharged into those water ways. The waste water standards have really changed since the 1967 practice of dumping raw sewage in the waterways, the year Northern Pulp started operating in Abercrombie. When the Abercrombie pulp mill was constructed in the 60s, it was done to the known technologies, standard best practices and regulations of the day. As in our local social civil environment, since initial construction, many many changes have evolved in the standard practices, operating regulations and of coarse technologies, applicable to a pulp mill operation. Over the past 50 years, Scott Paper, Kimberley Clark, Niena Paper Paper Excellence have continually invested very large amounts on multiple significant improvements and enhancements at the Abercrombie facility in keeping up with these evolving standards, regulations expectations. The last remaining significant enhancement in the mills evolution is in the area of effluent treatment. The Boat Harbour lagoon treatment regime was the standard best practice of the 60s. Significant progress has been made in the past half century on the standard practices, operating regulations and process technologies applicable to Pulp mill effluent treatment. Northern Pulp have indicated they are willing to

invest an enormous amount of their money and resources in a new state-of-the-art Effluent Treatment facility. Since 1967, Local governments, communities, businesses, industries, utilities and the citizens of the northern region of Nova Scotia have implemented many improvements to the standard way in which we collectively pollute our air, manage our solid waste and treat our waste water. Northern Pulp has committed to do as we have all done- improve on the way in which effluent is treated. They should not be denied that opportunity.
Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address:
Municipality: Trenton Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I really believe that the treatment Facility project should be allowed to continue and be completed. Northern pulp has proven they are willing to meet and exceed all expectations and guidelines if given enough time. Name: Email: @freemanlumber.com Address:
N.S. Municipality: Baker Settlement Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Please stop the pulp mill from dumping waste into the water! Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Halifax Postal-Code: B3L 1T7 Phone: Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 57 y: 29

From: r@gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 12:20:45 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: To the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Mr. Gordon Wilson: I am writing as a concerned citizen of Nova Scotia regarding the proposed Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility Project for Northern Pulp. As a marine biologist who has focused research on nutrient and pollutant effects from land in the coastal environment, I feel that the proposal from Northern Pulp does not sufficiently show how expected and potential effects can be mitigated. In particular is the effect of increased water temperature in the vicinity of the effluent pipe: given that you as minister have just signed off on an environmental bill to limit carbon emissions, I am inclined to believe that you appreciate the science behind climate change predictions, including forecasted increases in water temperature in the Gulf of St. Lawrence inclusive of the Northumberland Strait. Furthermore, given that established and recent scientific literature indicates that lobster are migrating out of warmer waters to more northern areas, the introduction of waters from the treatment plant that could further warm water in the Northumberland Strait could create unfavourable environments for lobster there. Given that the lobster industry is the most lucrative industry and employer in Nova Scotia, I would think this is a significant concern that has not been addressed in the original or revised proposal. This is just one example of a knowledge gap not addressed sufficiently in the proposed project. Other examples include interacting effects of warming and chemicals in treated effluent, the contribution of significant nutrient levels in effluent, and the sustainability of the forest industry to supply this processing facility. Given the significant uncertainty that still remains in the proposed project, and that Northern Pulp did not appear to invest in their project plan until 12 months before the closure of Boat Harbour, I suggest that this proposal was rushed, is incomplete, and would be dangerous to approve. As a young professional in this province I want to ensure that my government is making decisions with the long-term future and success of the province as a whole in mind, as I want to continue to live and contribute to this province. I of course acknowledge that there are numerous jobs that may be affected in the forest industry and that this industry is a strong lobby voice in the province. Still, to appease the forest industry for short-term financial gain while risking the integrity of the fishing industries in the Gulf of Maine and the ability to practice ecological forestry given the province has committed to working towards recommendations in the Lahey Review by approving a proposal that is not comprehensive or robust, would be irresponsible. I urge you not to approve this proposal as there is not enough substance in it to ensure that the province will not be on the hook for future terrestrial and marine environmental damages and the loss of jobs and integrity of the fisheries industry. Sincerely, Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Caledonia Postal-Code:

From: @fundydrinks.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 12:27:13 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Please help to stop the Effluent going into our water! This has gone on too long and to ignore the completely negative effects that putting this effluent into our water has. Listen to the people of PC when we say no more pulp waste in our water!!! Name: Email: @fundydrinks.com Address: Municipality: New Glasgow Postal-Code:

From: @ledwidgelumber.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 12:29:03 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: In my opinion Northern Pulp has done what has been asked of them to go forward with this project. The science presented shows no significant impact on the environment and I think a large corporation should be able to modernize their facilities in this province with the governments support and the peoples support. We need this type of investment here for our economy to grow. With over 80 pulp mills in Canada operating to similar standards what message are we sending if we shut one down that meets all the environmental requests made of them? As a Nova Scotian working and living in Nova Scotia, I 100 support this project going forward. Name: mail: @ledwidgelumber.com Address: . Municipality: Enfield Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 12:39:51 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I was pleased to hear the Focus Report for Northern Pulp had been submitted to Nova Scotia Minister of Environment. It is reassuring to know this scientific and fact-based Report has now been completed and to know we have plans set for one of the most environmentally responsible mills with state of the art technology in North America right here in Nova Scotia. Forestry is a renewable resource industry where all its byproducts can be turned into remarkable products beyond lumber and this industry looks even more stimulating now and for the future. We should all be encouraging the idea of enhancing how we are doing things to be better and balanced all around for our residents of every descent, not only for First Nations, but for our region as a whole. Not just simply standing in front of any industry and development that grows our economy and brings families to rural areas but being an active part of doing things better and attracting more motivated, educated and positive people to our region. It is so encouraging to see the reduced use of plastics here that may end up in our soil or floating in the ocean. I am all in favour of paper packaging and easily biodegradable products to be much of the only waste we will have in the future. Again, the products largely will come from the forest industry, with forward thinking companies like Northern Pulp, which will I am sure highly support and will work with this new initiative of less plastic waste! It is near impossible and not reasonable that no pipe outfall will exist at Northern Pulp. There are 22 pulp mills in Canada alone that have treated effluent leaving their facility into a lake, river or ocean and some of these water bodies offer some of the best fishing and tourist regions in the world. Iâ? Tve spent time near some of them and they are beautiful and thriving! I would assume Pictou Landing leaders would have the curiousity and desire to grow their knowledge to see how well some of these communities are doing. I have been advised this was not the case thus far which is very unfortunate. I am much more concerned of the farming effluent and sewage chemicals as well as ferry discharge and fishing waste which is going in to the ocean from PEI and off of Halifax and South Shore completely untreated currently! I know this industrial effluent from Northern Pulp will have the most modern technology and is going to be treated on site in a shortened process from 7 days down to 1 day. The new scientific method is proven to have 3x higher dilution ratios than the old model and within only 5 meters of the diffuser the colour, salinity and temperature of the ocean water will be at background quality per the Focus Report. That is really amazing to hear. The future outfall is scientifically backed in the Focus Report to have less potential environmental impact than the current outfall due to a considerable improvement in mixing conditions with the new equipment installed. I would challenge those other industries mentioned above to meet those results! It would be difficult and too expensive for them I am sure to pursue, just by observing the amount of work and studies that Northern Pulp has put forward so far into their upgrades. The strong secure financial backing of the mill owner group is there and will help ensure the Northern Pulp project moves forward. The Report states that Northern Pulp has even gone beyond recommendations by select ing a thicker pipe than required and an automated leak detection system in the Pictou watershed area will be installed, this is excellent news. As reasonable Nova Scotians are always aware, unfortunately those same few headlining critics have made

full time occupations and/or sideline hobbies out of protesting any and every type of development and that will never change as we all know. For example, the government recently passed the Sustainable Development Goals Act which sets out environmental goals and emission targets which will instill some of the highest and strictest goals in Canada for a financially strapped province like Nova Scotia. I wasnâ?Tt surprised in the least to hear these vocal local environment activist groups charge that the Act will not go far enough and had their statements published online quicker than a reasonable person would be able to get through reading the first couple of pages of the Act! If Northern Pulp is not able to secure the Environmental Assessment approval and move forward, there will be a dire outlook for the Pictou County area and its surrounding regions. Northern Pulp may become so discouraged it shuts down completely. I personally have family members living across Canada and I have seen what happens when main industries leave. It is so unfortunate that many of these now desolate areas have First Nations reserves who now have even less opportunities in their discrete areas and with less to do for the young people, crime and addiction begins to creep in inevitably to fill time and pockets at a higher rate, schools shut down, health care facilities leave due to low population, property values plummet and pressure on social services is immense and this is something Nova Scotians just cannot afford. I wish to see the Nova Scotia government approve the detailed and science backed Environmental Assessment released by Northern Pulp and to repeal the Boat Harbour Act. Northern Pulp and the tens of thousands of people who work year round in the industry and at the Northern Pulp site will then be able to move forward and this company and all of the other companies involved in surrounding and related industries will have the initiative to invest and plan and proceed with installing the updated technologies they are waiting on to get started. We will then have a balanced, better, positive future for all of the families here employed in many dependent industries and services and a more positive future outlook for the environment where we live and work. For 50 years, Northern Pulp has had wastewater treated and flowing into the Northumberland Strait and the fishing industry has successfully co-existed. There is no reason demonstrated that the next 50 years will not be even better for these industries with these substantial improvements. Letâ?Ts allow this good news story to finally begin to unfold! Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Hammonds Plains Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 12:41:22 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Please keep the mill open, we need to keep our residents employed Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: My home Municipality: My town Postal-Code: B0k1x0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 41 y: 21

From: @hotmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Every day around the world the ocean is being used as trash can for waste. The oceans are already tremendously polluted, we do not need to be adding to this problem. Any effluent is too much. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Halifax Postal-Code: B3L 3K5 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 24 y: 32

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Dear Minister, I am writing to urge you to reject the Northern Pulps application to proceed with their plan to pump effluent into the Northumberland Strait. I do not believe the findings of Northern Pulps EA and am convinced that if they proceed with their plan to dump effluent into the Straight that it will cause irreparable and broad ranging environmental, economic and social significant adverse damage to the communities along the Northumberland Strait and the plethora of marine, migratory bird and animal life which live in this region. The mitigation efforts and their impact which Norther Pulp proposes are self serving simply not credible. Please exercise your authority to prevent this company from proceeding. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Antigonish Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 12:46:50 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: This project should undertake a federal EA under the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada. Past actions of Nova Scotia with the Proponent give the appearance that NS cannot give an unbiased decision. Honour the Boat Habrour Act. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Indian Brook 14 Postal-Code: B0N 2H0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 58 y: 17

From: @gmail.com
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I support Northern Pulps effluent treatment project. I believe the benefits to our local economy are huge. The forestry industry employs a lot of hard working people that this province cannot afford to lose. I trust the reports prepared by 3rd parties regarding the environmental impacts. I am not an expert in these areas, they are. I do not believe that allowing NP to discharge treated effluent into the strait will cause any damage to the local ecology. I believe there is a path forward that will allow the forestry industry as well as commercial fishing to co-exist. I do not see this as an either/or situation. I look forward to having more good paying jobs in Pictou County once the effluent treatment facility begins construction. - Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: CHURCHVILLE Postal-Code:

From: @eastlink.ca
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 12:58:18 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I definitely hope and pray the Nova Scotia government approves the new treatment waste facility. This mill exchanged hands many times over the years and has coexisted within the community and has served us well. We finally are getting a state of the art waste effluent plant with similar ones in Canada without any problems. I realize the fisherman concern but obviously 88 mills are working well in their communities across Canada and all have waste water. I am sure this time, the government and mill will keep close tabs on the effluent in the strait to assure the fisherman. I also know the environmentalists concerns about health. However, the rate of cancers etc in communities like Cape Breton have increased significantly over the years even with the demise of steel mills and coal mines. It is a known fact that most diseases including cancer is 50 lifestyle. It is also a known fact that when industry close and causes an economic blow to a community depression, s uicide, alcoholism, drugs soon follow. Please do not allow this to happen in our beautiful Pictou County. Also, think about the devastation as well to the forest industry. Both forestry and fisheries must co exist in Nova Scotia. One should not be abolished because another says so. I realize the mill had 5 years to implement the waste water facility but over the past two years groups and more government information has slowed the process. As far as Pictou landing, I am grateful boat harbour will be cleaned. There is a window of opportunity to have the pipe installed while boat harbour is in the first stages of clean up. By the way, our home is directly on the Northumberland Strait but I feel my voice must be heard and care more for the men and women losing their livelihood than for my own personal gains. Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address: Municipality: Braeshore Postal-Code: B0K1H0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 62 y: 31

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Northern Pulp Closure
Date: November 7, 2019 12:58:42 PM

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The Northumberland Strait must be protected and justice must be seen for the people of Boat Harbour. Stand by your promises. Our forests are so poorly managed that no amount of toilette paper is worth what we have done for this company. It's time to correct our mistakes. Stick to the dead line and get on with cleaning up Nova Scotia.

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thank you very much

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Gulf of St, Lawerence
Date: November 7, 2019 12:59:14 PM

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Please protect the Gulf of St Lawrence from toxic effluent from Northern Pulp, What a terrible catastrophe that would be, This beautiful and very lucrative body of water is full of life. Please an assessment must be done. This proposed action by Northern Pulp is immoral and heinous. Make it stop if you can,

Thank you very much,

From: hotmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 1:02:51 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: This project is absolutely needed in order for Nova Scotia to sustain jobs. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: New Glasgow Postal-Code: Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 40 y: 22

From: @freemanlumber.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 1:07:06 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I feel that Northern Pulp has taken and proved that this new facility has covered all the required steps studies to prove that the new facility is a HUGE step in the right direction, not only for the environment but also for the mill. Consideration should be taken, as it exceeds and passes ALL the environmental studies greatly, that have been put forward to them currently. Name:
Email: @freemanlumber.com Address: Municipality: New Ross Postal-Code:

From:	CEP Local 324
To:	Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject:	Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility Project
Date:	November 7, 2019 1:16:15 PM

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As a First Nation Person and long time forestry worker, I would like to comment on the situation at Northern Pulp.

It seems to me that this can only be viewed as a positive story. The addition to the area of a state-of-the-art Effluent Treatment Facility should help to clean up some of the environmental issues as well as stability of the investment put into the Pulp Mill.

The Forestry Industry in this country has many ongoing roadblocks thrown it's way by special interest groups outside of the Industry. This is one time that the Government can actually play a positive role in the Forest Sector to save jobs rather than announcing another closure.

I hope that the Ministry of Environment does the right thing and approves the plans before them.

Thank vou for listening,

Unifor Local 324

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Let your decision be guided by the scientific evidence and help keep good jobs in Nova Scotia. Name: Email: Address: Municipality: Postal-Code: Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 49 y: 34

From: @gmail.com
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: This cannot go through. We live in a time where we all know our planets health is crucial for our survival. We cannot support any business that is not willing to be a steward of the land. Its time for the government to stop giving in to polluting corporations. The health of people and the planet depend on it Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Lake Loon Postal-Code: B2Z1A5 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 58 y: 29

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Cc: Sean.Fraser@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Northern Pulp kraft mill-Pictou County
Date: November 7, 2019 1:16:47 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am deeply opposed to the proposed pipe as a solution to the waste disposal from the Northern Pulp kraft mill in Pictou county.

We can no longer accept the ocean as our garbage dump no matter how well the effluent is treated. It is a very backwards and environmentally stupid idea! NP has been polluting our air and waterways for too long. It must stop. No amount of jobs can justify the endangerment of so many of our people or our animals. To me it is criminal!

We have to move forward with zero emissions and pollution. That is the only solution acceptable to me and my family.

We need a federal assessment at the least and a shut down of the mill until it can be demonstrated that there will be no effluent in the waters of Northumberland straight or of any body of water. We must not use the ocean as a garbage dump.

And we must support the people's of Pictou Landing and honour the legislation to close Boat Harbour.

NP for too long has drained tax money from NS and it is time to put an end to this sort of corporate greed. The forest needs to recover from this rape and better more diversified jobs will be created to employ the forestry industry. It is a no brainer. A healthy forest and healthy water and air makes for a healthy population. Think of the savings in health care alone!

And the fishers of NS, NB, and PEI must have the assurances that their waters will remain clean to protect a valuable fishing industry.

We have travelled the waters of Northumberland straight and have seen the brown water and pulp waste first hand that presently comes from Boat Harbour. It is disgusting now. Imagine how it will be if NP gets it's way. A toxic soup. No amount of filtering or treatment will clean that waste water.

This pipe must not be approved and I for one will be protesting big time if it is allowed to happen. It makes no sense and in this day and age where we need to protect our land and waters it is a very backward and stupid solution! We are better than this in a progressive country like Canada.

We have a duty to protect those with no voices, the forest life and the ocean life.

Sincerely,

Antigonish, NS,

Welsh for “to return to my trees” (to return to a state of balance)

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: I'm 58 years old Trucking most of my life looking forward to continue hopeing Northern Pulp can make that happen thank you
Date: November 7, 2019 1:21:13 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Looks great. Itll be great to have this completed, an industry leading mill in Nova Scotia. We should be proud. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Hammonds Plains Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 1:26:10 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I have carefully reviewed Northern Pulps Focus report and fully support the scientific based responses to the required questions regarding the Human Health Risks, the Environmental Risks at the collection site within in the Mill property, the treated effluent line design/installation/monitoring safety and finally the design/location/operation of the proposed deep water diffuser. Let the science speak. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Port Hawkesbury Postal-Code:

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Federal environmental assessment for Northern Pulp.
Date: November 7, 2019 1:26:41 PM

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There is enough evidence to prove that a pipe in the Northumberland straight will end the lobster fishing in my fishin area. With the propose buffer zone were will the fishers move to ,. The amount of tax revenue collected from the lucrative lobster fishing should also be taken into consideration,. One bad lobster will close down all of nova Scotia lobster exports I encourage you to read and make public the letter that was sent to you by his letter too you sums up our thoughts to help keep out waters clean for our future fisherman. ..thanks for reading my position on a pipe that some company has the crasy idea too poulite my work area. seafoam ns

From: eastlink.ca
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 1:31:54 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I am proud of our forest industry. The forestry, fishing, mining and agriculture industries have demonstrated they can work together successfully. I believe in the science. The economy and environment must work together. Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address: Municipality: Central Onslow Postal-Code: B6L 5M2 Phone: Fax: email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 49 y: 23

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Cc:
Subject: Northern Pulp Focus Report comments
Date: November 7, 2019 1:36:40 PM
Attachments: NSSA ASF Northern Pulp Focus Report Response - November 7, 2019.pdf

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Hello,

Please find attached a joint submission from the Atlantic Salmon Federation and the Nova Scotia Salmon Association responding to the Focus Report for Northern Pulp's proposed effluent treatment facility. If you have any questions or require a hard copy submission I would be happy to oblige.

Sincerely,

Atlantic Salmon Federation / Fédération du Saumon Atlantique

Atlantic Salmon Federation Fédération du Saumon Atlantique

@asf.ca

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Atlantic Salmon Federation
Fédération du Saumon Atlantique
202 Cloverville Rd. Antigonish, Ns B2G 2M8

November 7, 2019

Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility Project
Environmental Assessment Branch
Nova Scotia Environment
P.O. Box 442
Halifax, NS, B3J 2P8

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing on behalf of the Nova Scotia Salmon Association (NSSA) and the Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF) in response to the environmental assessment focus report released by Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation (NPNS) for their proposed replacement effluent treatment facility. While the NSSA and ASF have a good working relationship with the proponent, NPNS have been supportive of our salmon recovery work through numerous in-kind contributions; and we feel that some of the environmental assessment data gaps were addressed in the focus report; we still have some concerns and reservations about the proposed project and its potential effects on wild Atlantic salmon.

Atlantic Salmon are an ecological keystone species that provide insight and perspective to the status of other foundational fish like gaspereau and smelt and ecosystem parameters such as water quality. Therefore, the health of salmon populations is a general indicator of overall ecosystem health. In this region, Atlantic Salmon have been assessed as a *species of special concern* by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) and identified by the proponent as a species of conservation concern (SOCC). As the primary advocates for wild Atlantic Salmon both the NSSA and ASF have a duty to evaluate the potential impacts of projects and to ensure that the strongest possible protections are put in place for this species and its habitat.

During our initial review of the environmental assessment documents we identified five deficiencies, which we described in our submission dated March 5, 2019. The deficiencies were the spatial and temporal overlap of the proposed outfall impact zone with critical marine habitat, the assumptions used in receiving water studies and modelling as it pertains to species like salmon, the capacity of the new facility to hold untreated effluent during maintenance periods and emergencies, the lack of information on effluent system transition and monitoring, and the effect that localized physical oceanographic conditions would have on diffuser performance. While the focus report provided more information and clarity on some topics, we do not feel that our concerns were completely addressed.

Our biggest concern is with the lack of information about the overlap of the proposed outfall impact zone with critical marine habitat over appropriate spatial and temporal scales appropriate to wild salmon. The proposed effluent facility will rely on environmental mixing and dilution to reduce the treated effluent to acceptable levels. While use of an impact zone is permissible under specified conditions within the existing regulations and NPNS has including modelling in both the initial environmental impact documents and the focus report to determine if adequate mixing will occur, the location of this impact zone with respect to critical marine habitat has not been adequately investigated. If the impact zone overlaps with critical marine habitat (spatially or temporally) then there could be negative consequences for SOCC such as Atlantic salmon (e.g. lethal/sub-lethal effects).. Another

important aspect of the mixing zone that needs to be considered is what happens if a prolonged treatment failure occurs and untreated effluent is discharged. Understanding the impact zone is perhaps even more important on that risk management and emergency planning level.

The Focus Report did attempt to investigate this potential risk but fell short in several important areas. Appendix 7.3 - Impact Assessment on Marine Fish predicts that the pipeline, diffusers and effluent will have physical, acoustic, and water quality effects on Atlantic Salmon and that there will be a continuous frequency of disturbance through construction, operation, and decommissioning of the facility. Despite this the appendix concludes that these effects are not important since the effects are likely reversible once the effluent treatment facility is decommissioned and since the geographic area is relatively small. We take issue at this dismissal of the potential impacts as decommissioning of the facility would not occur for many years, meaning there will be an impact on Atlantic Salmon for the foreseeable future, and because the impact zone despite being a small geographic area has a significant potential to impact Atlantic Salmon migrating to and from local rivers. In Appendix 7.1 - Fish Habitat Survey (A7.1, page 37) the proponents indicated that "The timing of acclimation in the estuary and seaward migration of Atlantic Salmon (sic) adults is not well known for any of the rivers in the study area. Potential for Atlantic salmon is also identified the marine habitats." Surveys of local resource users presented in the focus report found 10% had harvested Atlantic Salmon in the study area within the past year, and Appendix 7.3 identifies salmon as migratory species with low to medium chance of being in the localized assessment area (impact zone). Therefore, the proponents know Atlantic Salmon use habitat in the vicinity of the impact zone, but self admittedly do not have enough baseline data to dismiss the fact that the impact zone could overlap with critical marine habitat for Atlantic Salmon. There is a real risk of this type of overlap because Atlantic Salmon like other important anadromous species require areas within estuary and along the coast to transition between freshwater and saltwater. These transitions are known to be sensitive time periods in their life histories where increased mortality occurs. Potential overlap of the impact zone of this effluent treatment facility these habitats spatially or temporally has the potential to significantly disrupt the life history and decrease fitness and/or survival.

Within the focus report there are also detailed habitat assessments and the authors attempted to correlate these assessments with potential usage by species such as Atlantic Salmon, however their methodology was not based on applicable data. For example, one of their primary references used in this process Rondeau et al. 2016, did not look at any salmonid species nor make any conclusions about salmon other than to say they were not included in their study. Rondeau et al. also for the most part focused on deeper water habitats that does not pertain to impacted area. In addition, many of their other references utilized in this section were not up to the acceptable standard for a scientific based risk assessment (Master's thesis, personal websites, errors in referencing).

We were disappointed upon seeing Northern Pulp's EA filing that deficiencies identified ahead of time were not addressed and there does not appear to be a plan to do so. This is a major oversight that needs to be corrected before any consideration of releasing the project from the assessment process. Given the potential for negative impacts, the threats currently faced by wild salmon, and what they represent within the ecosystem, we cannot afford to have this or any other operation cause unintended negative consequences. It is therefore essential to the ongoing environmental assessment process that proper baseline data is collected over the appropriate spatial and temporal scale. It is only with proper baseline data that the extent of potential impacts can be assessed, that effective monitoring can occur, and that mitigation and adaptive management plans can be developed and implemented as necessary.

We also had concerns about the assumptions used in the receiving water study and marine impact assessment portions of the focus report. Predicted dispersion patterns used to establish the most likely impact zone and draw conclusions about risk associated with this design utilized modeling assumptions based on conditions likely to be experienced in July. While this set of assumptions and thus model and its conclusions may be apt for many species, they are not valid for migratory species such as Atlantic Salmon that are not expected to be present in the impact zone at this time of year. The environmental conditions of the receiving water during migratory periods (spring and fall) could be substantially different. For example, temperature profiles of the Northumberland Strait during the fall migration would be much cooler, meaning the impact zone would contain a significantly warmer plume than ambient that would disperse differently than modelled. This is potentially significant because Atlantic Salmon adapted to cold temperatures at this time of year would not be physiologically able to adapt to this warm plume without compromising their health and so will either be forced to avoid the area or suffer compromised health. Therefore, without more complete modelling it is not possible to accurately determine the size or significance of the impact zone on migratory species like Atlantic Salmon.

We also had concerns about the holding capacity for untreated effluent in this new treatment facility. It is essential that the new facility have enough capacity to hold untreated effluent to allow for maintenance and emergency situations. The old facility had an extremely long holding capacity (30 days) compared to the new facility (8-12 hrs.). This is a substantial decrease. The focus report did partially address this concern as it identified several engineering changes made to facility design that should help increase holding capacity and facility functionality. However, given the size, age, and complexity of the mill we are still concerned that there may not be enough capacity within the system to prevent discharge of untreated effluent in the case of prolonged failures in the treatment system. We are concerned that the proponent has not put forward emergency management plans that would confirm that the new facility has enough safeguards in place to ensure there is no scenario which would see untreated effluent released into the receiving water.

Our fourth set of concerns was around the lack of information on effluent system transition, standards, and monitoring. The transition in effluent systems from the current Aerated Stabilization Basin treatment (ASB) system to the proposed biological Activated Sludge Treatment (AST) system comes with some inherent risk. While these newer systems have shown they can provide higher BOD reduction efficiency, they are more susceptible to settling issues and disruption to the biological community that is central to this effluent treatment process. The disruption to the carefully cultivated microbiological community that drives the decomposition and detoxification process or “biological upset” as it is referred to by operators of these types of systems can occur regularly if not carefully managed by experienced operators. Therefore, this new system will require more highly trained operators and more rigorous procedures to maintain effluent below legally required levels. In the environmental impact and focus report documents there is a lack of information concerning training, operational and emergency procedures, and how the transition between systems will be implemented. The focus report does discuss environmental monitoring that is compliant with the current regulations, however this is a reactionary process that only detects issues after they have appeared in the receiving environment. Therefore, failures in effluent treatment process and procedures could lead to untreated effluent being pumped into Northumberland Strait, relying only on voluntary transparency by the proponent and the federally mandated monthly testing to detect the issue after the fact. We see this as a

significant failure in risk management that is unacceptable risk to sensitive species such as Atlantic Salmon. More information is required before an informed decision can be reached on this project.

The fifth concern that we had previously identified was the effect that localized physical oceanographic conditions would have on diffuser performance. The focus report provided much more detailed information on the substrate composition and habitat around the proposed diffuser locations. The report also provided more information about diffuser performance monitoring. Although we are still concerned about how substrate composition and habitat in the area will shift over time, we feel that based on the information provided in the focus report that NPNS is able to adequately monitor and respond to this concern.

On behalf of NSSA, ASF, our affiliates, associated members, and volunteers we urge the NS Environmental Assessment Branch to require that this project be subject to the most rigorous standards to ensure that this highly sensitive and ecologically important area is protected. As the proposal currently stands, we feel there is insufficient information to conduct an effective and thorough project risk assessment, as it pertains to wild Atlantic salmon. We remain committed to our objectives of ensuring that the best interests of the ecosystem and of salmonids are represented and protected throughout this process. We welcome any opportunity to meet with the proponent or regulators to discuss our concerns and work together towards solutions.

Sincerely,

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Forest Nova Scotia Submission â?" Norther Pulp NS â?oReplacement Effluent Treatment Facility Projectâ? EA and Focus Report Commentary. November 2019 On behalf of the 600 members of Forest Nova Scotia, I submit the following comments on this EA application and Focus Report, regarding the ETF replacement project for Northern Pulp. After reviewing the EA application and Focus Report data â?" Forest Nova Scotia supports an approval of the EA application, and encourages the Government to allow work to commence immediately on this facility replacement project. Everything humans do has an impact on the environment around us. From building a house, to driving to work, to heating our homes, to growing our food, to making products we sell, to using that new technology device â?" with each decision we make, we must weigh the acceptable level of risks and impacts they will have. This project is no different. There was significant 3rd party, independent expertise used to compile the data contained and analyzed in the focus report and EA application. The assurances provided by these experts indicates that no significant adverse residual environmental impacts have been predicted for the projectâ?Ts construction or future operation. In particular, no significant impacts on any fisheries or fish habitat will be realized as a result of this project. The results of the focused report indicate that the risks risk= hazard x exposure, on several parameters, associated with building this new facility are well within or under acceptable levels and should inform a path forward to a new treatment facility for the mill. Specifically, modelling data provided in the focus report regarding a potential spill or leak in/near the Town of Pictous watershed area indicates that distances from the wells, along with the fact that any such treated water would flow away from the watershed field due to the shape of the landscape answers questions raised about the impact of this possibility. Interesting to note on further reading on the topic that untreated municipal sewage waste currently crosses the Pictou watershed via pipeline, contrary to the commentary that indicates a watershed is no place for a pipeline. Through computer modelling, the focus report also looked at residual effects in water quality both near and far from the outflow location for the proposed pipeline - both resulting in no anticipated adverse environmental impacts. This, along with the many other data points and research contained in them, tell us the focus report and initial EA application submission provide the information needed for approval of this project to proceed, and â?" again â?" we would encourage the Minister to approve the project and allow work to commence.

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: As a family member of the fishing community and a pulp mill worker I believe in the proven science behind the new effluent treatment facility. I hope that Northern Pulp continues to operate under the environmental guidelines and allow fishers a opportunity to continue to work in the forest industry when they are not on the water as has been the case for over 50 years. While I believe the current Boat harbor treatment facility needs to be remediated an extension is needed until the new treatment facility is up and running and clean up of the boat harbor site can begin.
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Nova Scotia Forestry is one of the cornerstones of the economy of rural Nova Scotia, generating over 11,500 jobs and $800 million GDP. Economists believe the entire Nova Scotia forest industry is hinged on the daily operation of Northern Pulp. Northern Pulp contributes over $315 million into the economy annually. Our company and our employees are included in the jobs the forestry industry creates. We build roads for the trucks to pick up and deliver the logs to sawmills. For over fifty years, Northern Pulp has operated as a pulp mill. The fishing industry has survived alongside the operation of the mill. Northern Pulpâ?Ts energy basket is made up of over 92 renewable energy has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 44 since 1990, and produces over 23 megawatts of green electricity. As a company that benefits from the forestry industry, we approve the Environmental Assessment. Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address: Municipality: South Milford Postal-Code:

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New Glasgow, Nova Scotia
November 6th 2019

To those involved with the Focus Report. The Proponents , Northern Pulp Nova Scotia , Paper Excellence Canada and Dillion Consultants, I will state great job done on the questions the Nova Scotia Provincial Department of Environment , the Nova Scotia Provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal had posed on the Proposed Effluent Treatment plan.

My original 8 page Environmental Assessment Submission document, of March of 2019, basically is confirmed by the focus group documents but in much further scientific detail than My EA submission. EA submission March 2018.
The rejection of the original proposal prompted me to make further discoveries with the same methodologies detailed in my original Submission . Northern Pulps Plan for the use of **Veolia Anox Kaldnes BAS MBBR** - **Moving Bed Biofilm Reactor system** has an important, well studied, system discharging into the Kattegat Sea on the West Coast of Sweden. The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences Department of Aquatic Resources, has continuous studies of the effects of MBBR treated Kraft Pulp Effluent and I have found one of the most recent studies from 2015 which I had translated to English.
Swedish / English Translation Sodra Cell Varo Effluent Impacts

Conclusion statement that I drew from The Swedish University Study is highlighted with the Following statement . "**According to the surveys that the results so far indicate that Södra Cell Värö has not had a negative impact on the fish stock, but rather a positive impact on the development of certain species on long term. The fact that an individual fish species is increasing need not only be positive for a society, it can**

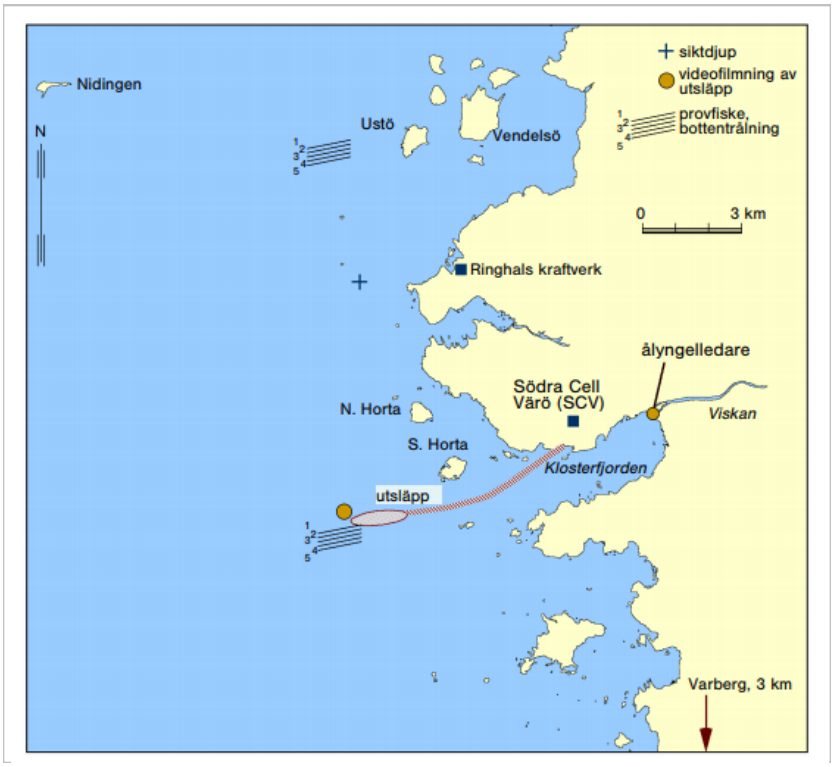
also cause problems for other species in terms of competition or predation, factors that in turn

lead to changes in the entire ecosystem." Viewing the Swedish Documents, including the circumstances and placement of Sodra Cell Varo's Effluent discharge outfall, I can't help but think the Proponents choose the Best Available Technology that would work in our circumstance. Paper Excellence seems to have adopted the Porter Hypothesis in regards to their environmental upgrades and practices. The Porter Hypothesis is detailed By Ms. Linda Stafsing for her authored paper for her final semester Master of Science in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
Ms. Linda Stafsing -Porter Hypothesis and Sodra Cell Varo

Two Examples, that seem very familiar , including a Map of the discharge system in the Kattegat Sea are next page. PAGE 2.

The results of the surveys are reported through periodic reports.
"**Södra Cell Värö uses 90,000 m3 water from Viskan (river) every day. process water is discharged into the sea via a four kilometer long discharge tube, as on the last 750 meters is equipped with diffuser nozzles to spread the discharge. The release takes place at a water depth between 15 and 18 m in the open sea west of the pulp mill. The water released is 30–40 ° C hot and has a pH of 8. Of the total water quantity, 70,000 m3 cooling water that is heated and passes through sedimentation basins before it enters the tube."**

MAP of Sodra Cell Varo discharges after MBBR and Activated Sludge treatment



The receiving body of water for Sodra Cell Varo is the Kattegat Sea and the species **Nephrops norvegicus**, known variously as the **Norway lobster** is commercially harvested in that body of water. In 1986 Fishermen from the Danish Town of Gilleleje, Island of Sjaelland landed a catch of dead Lobsters. Gilleleje Denmark is about 70 miles to the South West of the Cell Sodra Varo Mill outfall . Here is the link to the Danish to English Translation , The first part of my document has a link to the original Danish Language version
[Kattegat Sea former Aquatic deadzone, Cell Sodra Varo outfalls into this body of water.]
Quote from the Report

> **“In the mid-1980s, nitrogen emissions were 334,000 tonnes, distributed by 311,000, 18,000 and 5,000 tonnes respectively. agriculture, cities and industry. Emissions were to be reduced by 50 per cent to 167,200 tonnes, distributed by 49 per cent for agriculture and 63 per cent and 60 per cent respectively for cities and industry.”**

I believe we have the same circumstances with Prince Edward Island agricultural run off into the Northumberland Strait. My Conclusion is the track record of Moving Bed Biofilm Reactors as a pretreatment to Activated Sludge Treatment Tanks is the Best Available Technology. The proponents should not be further hindered by nonsense being postulated by uneducated parties. I especially have to question The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure from Guysborough on the questioning of laying of the effluent treatment pipe along Nova Scotian Road ways. How indeed did the Ultramar and

Esso Oil Refineries in Dartmouth let alone the Nustar Petroleum facility at Port Hastings exist without petroleum pipes going under Provincial numbered roadways ? Sewage Treatment infrastructure is under roadways or adjacent to them in this country for well over a century despite Mammalian Waste mishandled has been a greater taker of Human Lives IE Walkerville Ontario.

The Political Games have to stop now as this again places PROVINCIAL TAXPAYERS in some troublesome legal jeopardy from my observations and acquired knowledge . What comes to mind is the recent NAFTA tribunal awarding of damages to the New Jersey USA Quarry company that was denied use of their land on Digby Neck via the Department of Environment being found to have practiced discrimination in that case against the proponents denying that company the use of 55 HA of their land. Seven (7) million dollars plus US may seem small for some Provincial Department budgets but what would be the award for the denial of use of 250,000 HA of Northern Pulp Lands?

Give this project Green Light and the extension needed to complete the project, for the delay in approval, as the effluent treatment proposal has not changed from Best Available Technology nor has the Design and destination of Treated Effluent changed !!!! This provinces TAXPAYERS can not afford the forestry job losses nor the potential of a billion dollar lawsuit a denial would have this involved in. The Science saying both Fishery and Forestry will continue to co exist is shown with the example of Sweden that Northern Pulp has copied basically. Grasping for something more than the Swedish and European Union standards for effluent treatment will be a loser before a court of law. Explaining to a Judge to why the MBBR proposal was highly awarded in 2002 for the Canadian Council of Environment Ministers for the Irving Kraft mill in Saint Johns installing MBBR will be highly interesting to testify about . I would be fully prepared to take the Stand with even more findings than a Four page letter can detail at this time.
Irving Paper awarded by Canadian Council of environment ministers

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Top on the minds of Canadians and folks all over the world is climate change. If Northern Pulp is forced into closure, the Forest industry of Nova Scotia will take a dramatic hit. Well managed forests aid in the prevention of forest fires. Forest fires emit mass volumes of greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere. Well managed forests aid in the prevention of massive pest outbreaks, killing trees of all ages. When trees die, they fall to the ground and decay. Decaying trees release the carbon stored into the soils and waterways. Harvested trees can be turned into products which store the carbon instead of releasing the carbon into the atmosphere. In summary, a healthy forest industry plays a vital role in climate change management. I strongly support an approval of Northern Pulps Environmental Assessment. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Central Onslow Postal-Code: B6L 5M2 Phone:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Northern Pulps operations are key to the forest industry in NS, because good forestry depends on a market for the wood fibre Northern Pulp consumes. Removing the market for this wood fibre will be harmful to the environment and forestry industry in NS. Well managed forests aid in the prevention of forest fires and massive pest outbreaks. Well managed and healthy forests also play a vital role in climate change management. Third party environmental experts have assessed that no significant impacts are expected on any fisheries or fish habitat as a result of the proposed project, and this project will significantly reduce Northern Pulps environmental footprint going forward. I believe if Northern Pulp passes the Environmental Assessment there is no reason to not complete the project. Our forestry industry, our environment and our economy need Northern Pulp to remain in Nova Scotia. Name: Email: @ca.gt.com Address: . Municipality: Lawrencetown, NS Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Northerrn Pulp has not met the terms of reference for the report Â· They have not provided data to prove that project can be done safely on almost every key point NP has not provided concrete plan on what will be done, no definite pipe route, no leak detection on marine portion of pipe, no specified leak detection for on-land pipe, just options Â· For the sake of future generations and current trust in the government please reject this project Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Postal-Code: Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 76 y: 21

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Northern Pulp proposes to discharge on a daily basis,Â 5 times more effluent than the largest city along the Strait, Charlottetown, PEI population 76,000Â 85 million litres of effluent,Â plus human waste, versus 14.6 for Charlottetown would go into the Northumberland Strait each day. We strongly oppose this plan. The demand for fresh water used for the process at NP is greater than that of Halifax.Â In 2014 aÂ spill of 47 million litres produced a toxic cocktail ofÂ Dioxins, Furans, Mercury,Â and Phenols, along with a myriad of other dangerous chemicals.Â Living directly across from this plant an alarmingÂ number of our neighbours in all age groups, have been diagnosed withÂ lung,Â bowel,Â breast and other forms of cancers. The rate at which these cancers are occurring is wellÂ above national averages.Â Â A scientific study published in 2005 studying Leukemia along coastal waterways placed 16,000 mussels 500 meters from the NP discharge. Over 30 showed signs of Leukemia. Mussels placed away from any discharge had no Leukemia Chronicle Harold Jan.18th.Â TheÂ subject report NP commissioned suggests increased emissions from the smoke stack which will have a further detrimental impact on air quality. The temperature of the water discharge only adds to the enormousÂ issue of Global warming. The owners of NP have received generous amounts ofÂ taxpayers money over the years plus the looming cost of $200 to $700 million dollars for the cleanup of Boat Harbour.Â This is not a financiallyÂ viable business andÂ the Province should not be supporting billionaires operating against the environmentalÂ rights of citizens. Employees need not lose jobs. The Government should provide financial support while workers retrain and transitionÂ into the sustainable economy versus spending more money on a dying industry.Â Â What about the future health of people working at that plant?Â Â 11,000 Scientists from 153 countries just signed an Environmental Emergency PlanÂ warning humanity that we need to change our behaviorsÂ in order to protect the planet.Â Their warning is meant for industries exactly like NP who use the earth as a dump.Â The author of the report prepared on behalf of Northern Pulp accepts no liability should theirÂ anticipated outcomes not work out.Â The report states that assumptions must be made due to lack of absolute scientificÂ evidence. Assumptions cannot be accepted as facts, rather it isÂ Â conjecture paid for by NP.Â The consequences of decisions based on anticipated outcomes is demonstrated at Boat Harbour. Also the company that operates Northern Pulp can hardly be called an environmental stalwart.Â BC has added NP to their Canadian Environmental Offenders Registry for violating the Fisheries Act in 2014 and 2016 and fined them $900,000.Â The NP report also states that the Strait water could leach into the shoreline wells, but says they would likely stop drinking it due to the taste of salt. What about when this Pipe ruptures on land as well as in the water?Â This is not an if but rather a when question. Putting a Pipe 4 k.m. into the Strait simply ships the problem into the Worlds oceans and away from oversight of those dedicated to protect the Ecology. If the effluent is so pure as Northern Pulp states why not discharge the pipe at the shore or within Nova Scotia where it can easily be overseen? We urge you to reject this plan outright and work with IndigenousÂ leaders, employees and the population to create a healthy, sustainable and environmentally friendlyÂ future for the Province of Nova Scotia. Name: Email:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Our coastal partners and First Nations surrounding boat harbour have made it clear for the last 4 years that this Pulp mill needs to be shut down, and I am 100 in agreement with them. This pulp mill is perpetuating the catastrophe of clearcutting or what the province likes to call forestry. There is no clear reason why the province could not subsidize a re-engineering of this pulp mill to a Hemp Mill that produces the same product and more all the while increasing revenue and job value in the area. Not only that but Growing hemp is a carbon crop meaning it returns more carbon to the land than it takes to produce it. the effluent treatment facility project must be rejected and the pulp mill repurposed or shut down. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Halifax Postal-Code: B3L2V3 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 50 y: 29

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I read this over carefully, and looks like a great plan moving forward. I see no reason not to accept Northern Pulps solution with a new effluent treatment plant. they deserve a chance. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Liverpool Postal-Code: Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 51 y: 20

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I am unequivocally requesting that under no circumstance should Northern Pulp be granted access to our fishing grounds and recreational strait to install an effluent pipe.

The very need to write about this in this age is frustrating to say the least. It shouldn't even be a subject to be entertained, let alone use any of my time to debate it.

NP and the other owners before have committed environmental atrocities for over half a century. Unscathed and without conscience.

The last spill has not been fully assessed. And yet we are entertaining the idea of a pipe in the strait? They have killed boat harbour without recourse. And now a pipe in the strait???

There is zero confidence in my heart that after decades of polluting and then waiting until the 11th hour on facing a possible closure submit an intangible, unfounded plan.

The risk is too high.

Raping our natural resources with clear cutting and dumping toxins into the water only to kill what's left of our mismanaged declining fishing industry should be unthinkable let alone spoken aloud.

You know it, I know it and anyone who had to hurridly take their clothes in off the line within a 50 mile radius because of stench, knows it.

Any and all improvements made to that archaic mill were done only when the hand was forced. It's outdated, inefficient, and untrustworthy.

And a question for you. Why the 'bleep' are we bleaching toilet paper? What's the point in that?
More toxins??

The jobs lost arguement falls on deaf ears here. I was one of 229 who lost their job in 98 due to plant closure. I diversified and haven't starved yet.

I am ashamed that as a citizen of one of the most developed nations in the world I sit here pleading to save our strait from corporate greed.

Please No Pipe, and please Honour Boat Harbour.

Sincerely,

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I was sceptical if there was a solution, but after following this project, Northern Pulp has gone over and above to make this work. The plan looks great and I see no reason the province should deny this effluent plant project. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Pine Grove Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Nova Scotiaâ?Ts economy depends on our forest industry. Losing the pulp mill will mean losing the forest industry and this province canâ?Tt afford that. As an outdoorsman i see first hand the positive impact of responsible harvesting and believe that in order to prevent wildfire and invasive diseases in our woods that we need the industry and with it comes the pulp mill. Iâ?Tm also employed with MG Higgins Lumber and the pulp mill is vital to there survival. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Belmont Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Dear Premier Stephen McNeil and Minister for the Environment Gordon Wilson, I am writing in response to Northern Pulps Focus Report for their Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility project. My name is . I live in Braeshore, NS with my husband and two children, . I am a small business owner, operating an Education technology firm in the town of Pictou. I moved here from Vermont which was a return-to-home move for me and a first-time move to Nova Scotia for my husband and children. We have happily made Pictou County our home, and gladly participate and contribute to our community, our childrenâ?Ts school, sports programs, local service clubs, and church. We have not, however, â?ogladlyâ? tolerated the assault on our air quality by Northern Pulp. Its chemical-laden stack outputs have been so impactful to us that we moved from downtown Pictou to Braeshore because of the negative and often dangerous effects it has had on my husband and sonâ?Ts asthma. How Northern Pulp has been permitted to pollute the air of our community for so long is beyond me. The proposed effluent treatment plan is even more questionable and shocking. The proposed pipe plan with its outfall area nestled between two public beaches, a provincial campground, an historic seaside tourism lodge, and the homes of many taxpaying citizens, is alarming. The irreparable damage it will cause to marine and botanical life, the tourism industry, the variable fishing industries, the health and wellness of our citizens and visitors is not only likely, but definitive. The Focus Report is rife with inconsistencies, speculations, and â?oletâ?Ts see what happensâ? assumptions. One thing is not inconsistent â?" the criminally negligent environmental track record of Northern Pulp and its global parent company. Putting blind faith in this plan and this company for the sake of a few hundred jobs is not worth the downstream risks. Speaking on behalf of my family, I implore you to reject this offensive plan and honour the Boat Harbour Act. Sincerely, B.A., B.Ed., M.Ed., PMP Braeshore, NS Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Braeshore Postal-Code:

From: _____@eastlink.ca
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I have recently reviewed the Focus Report on Northern Pulp Nova Scotiaâ?Ts Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility. There are a few important facts that I found in the Focal Report that addresses concerns that I have heard mentioned and I will comment on. Fishery Concerns Address: Figure 7.3-3, Northumberland Strait Lobster Buoy Locations shows 2019 fishing season lobster traps location. Figure 4.2-6 Spatial Distribution of Simulated Effluent Dilution Factor at End of One-Month Simulation Period July 2016 shows the receiving water study for the current system. This shows Lobster fishing is and has been taking place where the effluent is. This proves to me that there is currently no harm to the fishery up to now and will continue not to be. Regulatory Effluent Compliance Table 2.4-2, Calculated Regulatory Limits in Canada Jurisdictions vs Veolia Expected Performance Canada BOD monthly avg: current 7.5 kg/t 2019 draft 2.6 kg/t NPNS Veolia ETF = 2.0 kg/t Canada TSS monthly avg: current 11.25 kg/t 2019 draft 3.75 kg/t NPNS Veolia ETF = 2.0 kg/t This table shows that Northern Pulp Nova Scotiaâ?Ts new Effluent Treatment Facility will have discharge readings for the BOD Biochemical Oxygen Demand and TSS Total Suspended Solids below the current and proposed limits in Canada. I believe this report shows the science that proves this is an excellent Wastewater Treatment Facility and should be approved. Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address: Municipality: Central West River Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I support the project for the new facility. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Postal-Code: Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 46 y: 33

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Project should be approved if proposed treatment facility is going to treat the effluents to acceptable standards based on scientific knowledge. The mill is very important to the regional economy and its closure would affect thousands of direct and indirect jobs in both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The project should not be rejected on what if concerns from people that will not trust the science behind the project. Name: Email: Address: Municipality: Postal-Code: Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 55 y: 21

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Short and sweet. The time to turn a blind eye and allow environmental nightmares to continue is done. Our province used to be beautiful, clean and something to be proud of. Not anymore. Boat harbour closes January 31st, 2020 and there will be no effluent pipe in the straight to replace it should be the answer. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Parrsboro Postal-Code: B0M 1S0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 62 y: 21

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To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Please close the mill, keep your promises, stop letting them poison us.
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: good work Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Postal-Code: Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 22 y: 30

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Mr. Gordon Wilson, I just wanted to take a few minutes to respond to Northern Pulps Focus Report. The report lacks scientific data that proves beyond a reasonable doubt that placing a effuent pipe to allow approx. 85 million Lt. to be dumped daily into the Northumberland Strait will not have negitive effect on the eco system. The mill has NOT stated what the composition of chemicals will be at the end of the pipe were the effuent enters the water. The mill only states that Third party enviromental experts say that at 10 meters from the pipe the effuent SHOULD meet Canadian enviromental standards. Or that They The Mill will monitor it and provide the information at a later date. Kind Of Like Putting A fox In Charge Of The Hen House! I belive Northern Pulp knows exactly what is the composition of the effuent that will be coming out of that pipe and will not say what it is because the project would be canceled. The Mill states numerous time in their report that the the project will have minor i mpact or no forseen Impact or that their third party experts have concluded thus passing off all liabilities that this project will ultimately cause. The 19 questions that the former enviroment minister Mrs. Miller requested have not been addressed in this Focus Report, only more questions. If the province of Nova Scotia accepts this report it will result in an enviromental disaster the like of which this province has never seen. The Mill has created 2 enviromental disasters all ready in this county one being Boat Harbour and the other being The Pulp Mill site itself. Lets not make this the 3rd. Your desision must be made reguarding scientific proof, The Focus report lacks it in all aspects of the word! There is only one conclustion NO PIPE!!! Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Pictou County Postal-Code: B0K1H0 Phone: Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 66 y: 35

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: 3. Nova Scotia Needs Forestry. Northern Pulp grows more than 6,000,000 seedlings every year. That is impressive! Treated effluent from the mill has been flowing into the Northumberland Strait for over 50 years. Northern Pulpâ?Ts plan is to re-route the treated effluent to a different location. For 50 years, the fishing industry has successfully fished the Strait. Third party environmental experts have assessed that no significant impacts are expected on any fisheries or fish habitat as a result of this project. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Belmont Postal-Code: B0m1c0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 88 y: 10

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: good work Name: Email: @icloud.com Address: Municipality: Postal-Code: Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 34 y: 20

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Good day Minister Wilson and Premier McNeil, I am writing to you today from my property on Caribou Island, NS. I wrote a letter to former Environment Minister Margaret Miller last time we were allowed to respond to the pipe proposal. I do wish that the whole project had have been rejected completely. I know everyone keeps saying the decision will be based on science and quite frankly there was none in the first NP submission. I have reviewed the latest and there is definitely a lot to ingest but I dont see enough evidence to rest easy if a pipe were to go into Caribou Harbour. I am at the the very tip of Caribou Island and I hope if you havent familiarized yourself with the lay of the land and water in the area you will do so soon. The pipe will literally be in our backyard. On an everyday realistic level I will say that this is not a good idea. I see hundreds of different species of birds on our beach every spring, summer and into the fall. I see how when the winds change and how it effects our beach. One day you might have no seaweed and the next day truck fulls. The effluent will travel without a doubt back to the beaches throughout the area when the conditions are right. No matter what NP does this is something they will not be able to control.` The harbour is very shallow and the tides do get very low. This will leave the same sludge we see at Boat Harbour along the tidal flats in the harbour. It will be an environmental disaster. Do you want to be seen in history as the government that allowed this to happen. There are many endanger ed blue herons throughout the area that rely on the shallow areas near the beach for food. They are feeding on the bar clams, quahogs and other species that the report says will not be safe for eating. I know many friends that dig quahogs in the harbour, they will no longer be able to do so if the pipe is allowed. If you want to look at the big picture it will tarnish our lobster fishery, herring and tuna on a provincial, regional and possibly a national level. When I see seafood at the grocery store labeled caught in China I will not buy because I think of their industrial pollution and their past records, do we want to go down that path here. I also worry about tourism, especially since Caribou Harbour and the ferry is one of 5 entry ways into the province. I also worry about the whole county and everyones property values. I could see a potential class action lawsuit coming from many residents in the area. I do feel for the workers and the forestry industry but they will bounce back. There have been many workers who have lost jobs and shutdowns in Pictou County over the last 40 years. There are many businesses that will flourish in the area if the mill is not polluting the air. It really is bad here most days. It is not like Edmundston, NB or Port Hawkesbury. I have an elderly father that lives two doors down from me and a Daughter who I hope will be able to see the beautiful area as it is today when she is my age. Thanks for listening,

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Project: - Choose - Comments: If northern Pulp passes the environmental Assessment there is reason not to complete the project Name: . Email: @gmail.com Address: Central Onslow Municipality: Truro ns Postal-Code: Phone:

From: @spearsinsurance.ca
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: THIS ENTIRE PLANT IS NOTHING BUT A PRODUCER OF POISON. THIS POISON IS NOTHING BUT A PRODUCER OF CANCER. THIS CANCER EFFLUENT PRODUCING PLANT MUST BE SHUT DOWN NOW!!!! WHEN A PERSON WORKS HERE OR LIVES HERE THEY GET CANCER AND DIE. Name: Email: @spearsinsurance.ca Address: Municipality: Shelburne Postal-Code:

From: @ns.sympatico.ca
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I support the new treatment facility that northern pulp is proposing to construct. I do not believe that there will be any adverse consequences caused by the pipe into the strait
Name: Email: @ns.sympatico.ca Address: Stewiacke Municipality: Postal-Code: Stewiacke Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 64 y: 13

From:	Environment
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I live in Corner Brook Newfoundland. We have a paper mill here that upgraded its water treatment years ago. The change since then has been significant. This project is a good one and the company is willing to spend the money and build the proper facility. This should not be an issue. We try to build a partnership here with the town and company. It works a lot better when everyone works together for a common goal. Clean up the environment and protect good jobs! Its that simple. The forestry industry has had enough struggles to survive but when you have a profitable company willing to make a huge investment to clean up its act and maintain operation and numerous jobs you are very lucky. Do the right thing here, save the mill and the forest industry. The wrong decision here could be catastrophic to the town and as well to the province. Name: Email: Address: Municipality: Postal-Code: Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 78 y: 36

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Nova Scotiaâ?Ts economy depends on our forest industry. Losing the pulp mill will mean losing the forest industry and this province canâ?Tt afford that. As an outdoorsman i see first hand the positive impact of responsible harvesting and believe that in order to prevent wildfire and invasive diseases in our woods that we need the industry and with it comes the pulp mill. Iâ?Tm also employed with MG Higgins Lumber and the pulp mill is vital to there survival. Name: Email: Address: Municipality: Belmont Postal-Code: :

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: You must honour Boat Harbour ACT January 2020! No pipe in our straight! The writing is on the wall! The people and environment have spoken! Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Pictou Postal-Code:

From: @bellaliant.net
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I live directly on Caribou Harbour. I intend to retire there and enjoy swimming, fishing and boating on the Strait for years to come. I also work at Northern Pulp. If the mill were to close in January of 2020, I personally would not be significantly affected as I am close to retirement age. However, I am concerned about the impact the mill closure would have on my co-workers and the many other people throughout the province that would lose their jobs as a result. Nova Scotia needs Northern Pulp to continue to operate and to contribute to the provincial economy. However, this can only be permitted if done in an environmentally responsible way. In addition to reviewing the focus report, I have discussed at length the particulars of the proposed new effluent treatment facility with the engineers working on the project. I am very impressed with the extensive effort that has gone in to developing the plan for the new facility. The new state-of-the-art treatment facility will incorporate proven technology to treat mill effluent well beyond what is required to meet regulatory requirements. Ironically, the most controversial aspect of the plan, the pipe in the Strait, is probably its most beneficial feature. Piping the effluent well out in to the Strait and properly dispersing it in the strong currents that exist will further ensure that the mills effluent will have no significant impact on the environment.
Name: Email: @bellaliant.net Address:
Municipality: Waterside Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: The paper industry has come a long way from the mid 1800â?Ts using, cotton rags, straw, flax etc to present using wood fibre to create paper. With every advancement have come changes to processes. With each change there are unknowns, as well as unforeseeable unknown improvements. This is a massive environmental assessment, likely one of the largest ever undertaken in Nova Scotia. A holistic approach addressing all concerns of every part of the community from micro organisms on land, strait and air, fish and wildlife habitat, migratory birds, water quality , and to human well being, community and economics. With the public praises and concerns I am confident that the new effluent treatment facility will be constructed with the checks and balances as stated, will be done as requested to community as a whole satisfaction. Working daily on the wharf Pier C, supervising structural improvements and repairs to Pier C in Pictou, while the Precipitator was constructed I experienced firsthand the air quality improvements before and after construction. I feel confident that Paper Excellence and Northern Pulp will honour their commitment to the quality attention to the project. â?¢ The assessment sets out proper guidelines for installation on the pipe as per Construction Methodology and Design Report by Wood â?¢ They are using high quality products to construct the pipe line to minimize the chances of leaks â?¢ The Focus Report outlines extensive monitoring after installation of the treatment facility and the latest technology to monitor flow rates and possible leaks regardless of the source of the cause. â?¢ The treatment facility designed by those who have similar facilities in place and are working effectively at present. This being new will have improvements to the existing designs. We are always working to create a better more efficient plant. Future Opportunities as a result of the Effluent Treatment Facility â?¢ Opportunity for adjacent businesses along the pipeline route to extract heat for buildings via heat exchangers installed into the effluent discharge pipe. â?¢ Opportunity to supply a fresh water pipe to supply the Town Of Pictou domestic water from the Middle River at time of installation of the effluent pipe. â?¢ Opportunities for the Agriculture community, to return the bi-products from the papermaking processes to use as amendments to the soil increasing nutrient concentration, ph and health of the soil. In closing, I visited the town of Port Alberni B.C. this month. A vibrant, clean, bustling town. Ships tied up ready to unload. Fishing and forestry working together. A healthy sustainable community. I look forward to a similar community, her in Pictou County and Nova Scotia. The holistic approach to the modern upgrades to the treatment of effluent from Northern Pulp, as outlined in the focus report, mirrors and improves upon the Kraft pulp mills established in the forward thinking environmentally conscious Sweden, I am confident Northern Pulp will be globally, a model treatment site. Respectively submitted Name:
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Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Nova Scotia needs forestry. Northern Pulp grows more than 6,009,000 seedlings every year! So many jobs depend on this mill including mine. I support an approval of Northern Pulps environmental assessment. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Belmont Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: You have given another 6 million to a billionaire in Asia who owns this company. These are taxpayer dollars environmental studies were rushed. This is not ok fishing is our #1export here. Stop the effluent pipe until a proper study is done and keep our dollars for Canadian companies Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Pictou Postal-Code: B0k1h0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 70 y: 17

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Firstly I would self-identify as an Employee of Northern Pulp Nova Scotia NPNS. I have a Technical Diploma in Environmental Engineering Technology, and a Bachelor of Technology in Environmental Studies, as such I feel I have the Industry and educational background to provide a view that has a technical aspect to it. My working career covers Positions in Alberta Environment, Pulp Paper, and Oil gas. Throughout I have been involved in many Environmental projects/studies/Operation/Commissioning of Waste Treatment Facilities, Water Treatment, Air Pollution Control Equipment, optimizations, Landfills etc. Therefore it is from the perspective of Economics, Science Technology I would address my comments towards, and the feasibility/need of this project. Economics The obvious Economic aspects of this project should not have to be re-iterated, however, I will name a few, as this is one of the Key reasons this facility is crucial, not only to Pictou County, and the employees of NPNS, but land owners, merchants, port employees, shipping companies, trucking companies, foresters, machine shops, and many other businesses who can trace their business, or a portion of their business to NPNS, and ultimately Nova Scotia. Some quick facts are: Largest Nursery operation growing planting 6,000,000 trees per year Production of approximately 280,000 to 300,000 tonnes Northern Bleach Softwood Kraft NBSK, being transported primarily by truck and Shipping containers. Approximately 330 full time employees NPNS unlike Western Mills, buys wood from Private Land Owners, thereby magnifying impacts to the local economy 2050 indirect jobs NPNS is owned by a Company Paper Excellence who recently spent a great deal of money on a New Electrostatic Precipitator, and is now willing to outlay a large capital investment in a Wastewater treatment facility, certainly demonstrating a Strong Environmental Commitment, and a long range economic view of the NPNS facility. $315,000,000 contribution annually NS largest purchaser of sawmill chips Largest exporter of containers through the Halifax Port Authority Plus many other benefits to the community/county/Province. So what will NS look like without NPNS: - Private Landowners will have no place to sell there wood, or very limited - Sawmills will end up getting very little return as they canâ?Tt generate profits from the sale of residual chips, possibly looking at closures/layoffs - Trucking and Port personnel will most likely be negatively impacted - Personal Taxes in NS will have to be increased in NS to make up for the short fall - Property taxes in Pictou County may have to increase, due to the loss of revue from NPNS, and associated businesses - Social Assistance costs will increase due to lack of income from those affected, or being forced to taking jobs in much lower income levels. Science I have had the opportunity in my life to Operate, Commission, and general be responsibility for Wastewater Treatment Plants for both the Pulp Paper the Oil Sand industries. This technology being proposed, Activated Sludge, is one of the Top treatment technologies available, and certainly surpasses many of the Effluent Treatment Systems operating in Canada today. A review of the Alberta Pacific ALPAC Pulp Mill discharge would be of interest as it utilizes a similar technology. In the US this would be referred to as Best Available Technology. The future of fisheries, specifically lobster is put forth as a concern, I do not have the specific yearly catch around Pictou/Antigonish Countyâ?Ts however, I believe currently the catch surpasses many

of the years in the 60â?Ts/70â?Ts/80â?Ts . The current operation through Boat Harbour does not appear to have any adverse effects on the Lobster Fisheries. Would the Lobster Fishing Industry have or have they reported any adverse effects? The current operation of NPNS is from all accounts typical of a Canadian NBSK facility as it relates to effluent discharge, the addition of an Activated Sludge Process will thereby increase the 5 Day Biochemical Oxygen Demand removal efficiency of the effluent , thereby further improving the discharge characteristics even more than is current day. The point of discharge for this improved effluent has been determined based on sound Science, not the speculation of persons unfamiliar with the science/technology of a Pulmill or a State of the art Effluent Treatment facility. Conclusion I recently rejoined NPNS, as I believe it is a facility with a sound future and solid backing from itâ?Ts parent company. I truly hope that those within the Department of Environment, can see the advantages to the continuation of this facility. As Nova Scotianâ?Ts we continually try to attract businesses industries, however, this situation would be a cautionary note to any company looking to locate within Nova Scotia. Those opposed would do well to learn more of our industry and the hard working, environmentally conscious people who work throughout the forest industry. I thank you for allowing me this forum to express my views, as quite often we only hear those that holler the loudest and those who can sensationalize a situation base on hearsay and speculation. Name: Email: @hotmail.ca Address: Municipality: Stellarton Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: We are a 5th generation family involved in forestry. The loss of Northern Pulp would have a major negative effect on our businesses and the families they support. Experts have assessed that their will be no significant damage to the fish habitat or the fishery. I ask that the minister approve NPs environment assessment and grant the time extension they need to get this project built. Thanks for the opportunity to comment. Name: Email: @evangelinetransport.com Address: Municipality: Port williams Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 3:15:51 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I cannot believe that Northern Pulp is going to be allowed to dump effluent into the Northumberland Strait. We have come to a point with our climate and environment where being on par with other existing facilities isnt good enough anymore. We need to do better than the dilution solution to pollution! The contaminants they are dumping do not just go away. Best case scenario is they get bound to sediments. Worst case scenario is some of them end up accumulating in the food chain. I feel for the fisherman and people trying to make a living off the ocean resources in that area because their products will be stigmatized. I know that as a consumer I will absolutely ask and actively avoid seafood that comes from that area. The forestry industry is important but its time to shift to an eco-forestry model. Not to mention the need as a society to take a serious look at our consumption of bleached, soft paper products. There are green economy options that will make us more re silient, sustainable, and profitable as a province although they will take a little more creativity, effort and possibly financial support. We owe it to the future generations to make those sacrifices . Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: LaHave Postal-Code: B0R 1C0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 36 y: 36

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: The Project makes sense and should be approved, Northern Pulps plan states that only treated effluent will be released into the Strait, that meets the toughest current and proposed laws. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Middle Sackville Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: When taking a decision on the effluent treatment plant I hope the government will consider all consequences a possible closure of the Northern Pulp plant will have. Next to the obvious effects on the labor market and the local economy there is one more less obvious aspect I would like to point out: such an abrupt change in the market could have adverse effects on the current â?" absolutely needed! â?" attempt to reduce carbon emissions, as I will try to explain below. Northern Pulp is a major player in the forestry industry in Atlantic Canada and its closure will have a significant impact on the industry. Currently Northern Pulp is the principal market for wood chips stemming from the sawmills. If this market ceases to exist the pulp mills lose a relevant source of revenues from this byproduct which in turn could lead to many of them getting into financial turbulences up to the point where they equally might have to close. If this happens than the local market for round wood will likely collapse and the market for round wood is only local due to high transportation cost!. At first sight one might think thatâ?Ts a good thing for the environment and the climate if significantly less wood is cut but â?" based on my knowledge of the market â?" it likely is not for a couple of reasons: 1. Well managed forest lands, i.e., those where wood is being cut according to sustainable practices, are able to grow bigger trees and thus to absorb more CO2 per acre than unmanaged â?owildâ? forests 2. A byproduct of managed forest lands is low grade wood which in the form of wood chips or pellets can and is being used to heat buildings where it is displacing fossil fuels and thus the C02 emissions from burning these fossil fuels. Now, it is obviously possible to cut wood solely for the purpose of burning it but in this case the price will significantly increase which in turn will make it economically less attractive to convert more buildings away from fossil fuel which I strongly believe must be our goal! Finally, I would like to also point out that we need to look at environmental aspects from a global perspective because there is only one world in which we all live: i.e., it is not helping to push a possibly polluting industry and thatâ?Ts the case for any kind of industrial production in the end out of the region / country into other regions / countries with lower standards where a paper mill might even still get away with dumping its residues into the ocean without any treatment! â?" but that we need to consume less and thus to have less polluting industry overall or at least pay attention to what where it was produced. Name: Email: Address: Municipality: Charlottetown Postal-Code:

From: @battisttrucking.ca
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: As a long time resident, of the area, I feel Boat Harbour closing is a good thing. The treated effluent has been going into the Northumberland Strait since the original construction of the Pulp Mill in 1966. Since this time the forestry and the fishing industries have co-existed without either damaging the other industry. The previous treatment facility had untreated effluent leaving the mill site to boat harbour where as this proposal will see all effluent leaving the site being treated first .This proposed treatment facility is similar to plants operating in Sweden with great environmental success. The focus report is well detailed and covers all environmental impacts which may be created by the construction of the effluent facility. I feel Northern Pulp and Paper Excellence as new owners of the mill, have made huge investments to improve the paper making process, such as infrastructure projects as the new precipatator to help with air quality. I feel this new proposed facility is another step in the right direction with not only sustaining our economy but the environment as well. In closing I feel they should be given the green light for this project and if they need more time should be granted, within reason. Name:
Email: Address:
Municipality: PIctou Postal-Code:

From: @Unifor.org
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 3:26:10 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Greetings, We are submitting these comments as a neighboring Unifor local. As a social union we care about the lives, communities and the wellbeing of all people not just our own members. Northern Pulpâ? Ts replacement effluent treatment facility project can continue to support thousands of good jobs across the province, protect the environment and respect the first nations. Our Local supports this project most importantly because it is the right thing to do. The third party environmental experts have concluded the proposed diffuser will meet all environmental guidelines and the company is prepared to make the investment. Canada is a world leader in forestry regulations and enforcement, there 88 other pulp and paper mills across the country coexisting and supporting their communities. This will further provide an opportunity to restore and maintain future respect with Pictou Landing First Nations. The forestry sector in Nova Scotia is essential in our economy, providing a 2.1 billion in annual economic impact, 11,500 direct and indirect jobs, is the second largest source of employment among good-producing sectors and the third largest exporter. Around the world, forestry is increasingly recognized as a renewable green industry with a potential for a strong future as part of a sustainable economy. We represent members in the banking, hospitality, education, food services and health care sectors from Wolfville to Antigonish and if this project is not approved our members will be negatively impacted in EVERY sector. Whether it is a decrease in loans at the credit union or decrease in tax revenue to support our social infrastructures and service like health care there is no question the widespread negative impacts will be great. To conclude the company addressed every concern raised in the initial consultation comments and answered every question asked by the Nova Scotia environment. The science is clear and the project is sound investment we as a province need to approve this facility for the betterment of all Nova Scotians. Respctfully, Unifor Local 2107 Name: Unifor Local 2107 Email: @Unifor.org Address: Municipality: Antigonish Postal-Code:

Nov. 01/2019

Mr Gordon Wilson
Minister of Environment

I am writing you about our concerns regarding the focus report submitted by Northern Pulp Mill.

Attached you will find signatures of community members as well as fellow local boaters that visit Pictou Co. and recognized the negative affects Northern Pulp has on our community and support the content of my letter.

My husband and I live in Pictou Landing on beautiful Pictou Harbour, two Kl. from the Northern Pulp Mill location and across the harbour from the historic town of Pictou. Also approximately 2-3 Kl from boat harbour the receiving location of Northern Pulp effluent.

To state that this mill has a major adverse effect on our lives would be an understatement.

To state that we have any personal scientific education background to back our points of view would be false.

But we do comprehend what we read of others findings and recognize good common sense.
We are aware of the unhealthy affects Northern Pulp has on our lives as well as our Community.
Health is everything! Without health wealth has no meaning.
Two points of the focus report I'll write about all;
Air pollution, Water Contamination.

Air Pollution: EXAMPLE 1
Northern Pulp stated on many occasions that the emissions from their stacks was nothing more than steam.
We know Northern Pulp emits 63% of all PM2.5 in Nova Scotia. More than every other Company Combined in N.S. The World Health Organization stated in 2013 that particulate matter, Carcinogenic to humans.
Air pollution from PM2.5 was a large Contributor of stroke, heart disease, lung Cancer and both Chronic and Acute respiratory disease.
In 2014 due to a ruptured pipe on Pictou Landing First Nation land a blockade prevented repairs to be completed until government, Mill and First Nation people sat down with talk for Change.

Through these negotiations the Boat Harbour Act was signed setting the date Jan. 31/2020 as the closing of Boat Harbour receiving effluent from Northern Pulp Mill.

This was legislated in 2015.

In Aug. 23, 2014 the public stated concerns about the level of pollution emitted from N. Pulp stacks.

This was not steam!

The Northern Pulp Mill replied to area residents that the plant would not reopen if it was forced to shut down for failing to meet air pollution standards.

Mr Wilson this became a standard threat of Northern Pulp management to our community. Creating fear that jobs would be lost, pensions would be effected if they were held to comply to our environmental standards. This bullying brought results in their favour, as they continued to pollute, knowing very well their 47 year old precipitator stopped working and definitely not doing its job.

The taxpayers of Nova Scotia through our government provided N. Pulp with $111.7 Million in Loan and $3.4 Million Grant.

To face facts; environmental rules have been bent in favour of accommodating industry, in this case Northern Pulp Mill.

In Aug. 2014 Minister Delorey drew "a line in the sand" and issued an order for the mill to reduce air quality emissions that exceeded approved limits.

Premier Stephen McNeil as well stated his government heard the concerns of Pictou County residents and was addressing them.

He stated Pictou Co. wanted healthy safe and prosperous County and he shared their wishes.

I must to stipulate that in 2014 Northern Pulp Mill new the Boat Harbour Act was to be legislated in 2015; that mill effluent would stop flowing into Boat Harbour in Jan. 31/2020. This was 5½ years Pictou Co residents has to wait for clean air, water and soil.

During this time our Community struggled to breath day and night.

This "steam" from N. Pulp stacks ranged from light grey to dark grey to black, more days and nights than I want to remember.

We shut off our air exchanger in our new home and manually

operated it because if left to operate automatically we would be awaken in the middle of the night feeling you were being smothered Your nose irrated and eyes burning. No way to clear the air because outside your home offered no better air quality.

In the dark of night the monster produced!

- I'm submitting pictures to support my statments. EXAMPLE 1-A

Local Medical professionals spoke out about the unhealthy environment that existed in our County.

- Self attached: EXAMPLE 2

In Feb. 2015 Northern Pulp pushes back against the IA issued by the Environment Dept. They called it flawed, stating the demands made of the mill included significant reduction of particulate emissions, imposed daily maximums of water use, and waste-water effluent were not acceptable.

Dept of Environment sent a directive stating it was urgent that the precipitator had to be replaced to reduce the dust in air, reducing sulphur and fine particulate matter emissions.

Taxpayers through the Government pitched in $9.5 million repayable loan and $2.5 million forgiveable loan.

Oct 2015 Northern Pulp stack emissions exceeded allowable particulated standards. This is not steam.

Northern Pulp replyed that consultants they hired informed them as to why particulate increased and the company were fine-tuning the operation to bring readings into compliance.

Sixteen months after the June 2014 leak and four months after the Boat Harbour Act was signed Northern Pulp mill still is not complying to Nova Scotia Environmental standards.

Since the Boat Harbour Act was legislated Northern Pulp has had free reign with little protest from First Nation peoples or surrounding community. We must our freedom on Jan. 31/2020.

In 2018 Northern Pulp changed gears from idle to low gear. Mill Management announced a effluent fallout would run into the Northumberland Strait. This placed pulp industry against fishing industry.

Protests began as it was obvious Northern Pulp had no regard for the damage they would impose on fishers of the Northumberland Strait.

July 2018 protest support "no pipe in the Northumberland Strait" brought fishers to Pictou Harbour from Prince Edward Island & New Brunswick to support local fishers in making their statement that Northern Pulp proposal to dump effluent in Northumberland Strait was not an acceptable option.

People in the thousands, from across Nova Scotia gathered in Pictou town to march through town in support of the protest "no pipe in the Strait".

As of Dec. 21/2018 Northern Pulp had not submitted an environmental assessment application for their new effluent treatment facility.

After 4½ years since the Boat Harbour Act was signed Northern Pulp offered no plan.

From this time Northern Pulp moved into high gear. announcing their plan to dump 90 million litres of effluent in the Strait.

Fishermen showed strong disapproval by attempting to prevent Survey Crew hired by Northern Pulp from doing testing. Court action taken by Northern Pulp resolved this protest and testing continued.

In Jan. 2019 our Community were hearing rumours that Northern Pulp was starting to talk about needing more time to complete their new effluent treatment facility.

The work extension was attached to Boat Harbour.

Mill management stated they would need probably a little more time to complete the new facility.

The little more time has been stated to be at least 21 months.

I'm sure a little more than that before the end.

On Jan 31/2019 Pictou Landing First Nations and many from the surrounding Communities filled the gymnasium to mark the beginning of the 365 day Countdown to the closing of Boat Harbour receiving effluent from Northern Pulp.

On this same day Northern Pulp held a press conference with a select few, to announce they were seeking an extension to Boat Harbour and strongly urging the Boat Harbour Act be demolished.

Following this announcement they submitted their IA request which Minister Margaret Miller stated was incomplete and needed more information before approval would be given.
The focus report with 19 deficiencies had to be addressed before construction of the new treatment facility could begin.
Northern Pulp called on foresters, truckers as well as retired employees to speak out in support of an extension to boat harbour.
Woodlot owners who has operated a woodlot business for 40 years and has been associated with Northern Pulp has been brave to speak out that "there will still be a forest industry after the mill closes." All states many foresters share his feelings but most stay quiet as fear of repercussions from a very vindictive industry. Northern Pulp are the recipients of the profits as foresters are paid low value for their product, with no increases for years.

This forestry industry are looking to our government in hope that abuse from Northern Pulp will end.

Northern Pulp has called on municipal governments in this province, far from the epic centre as well as local municipal governments to support their request for an extension to boat harbours. This created major tension between Community, Municipal leaders, neighbor against neighbor even family against family members.

Never once with Northern Pulp's requests have they offered to change regulations that would have them take responsibility for clean up of their environmental disaster. They are quick to remind us of the indemnity clause that relieves them of any financial responsibility for this disaster clean up, but never hesitate to ask for more for themselves from taxpayers.

Mr Wilson upon closing on the topic of air pollution; between 2015 & 2018 Northern Pulp had free reign in the production of particulate emissions. We always knew it wasn't steam!! Their proposal to burn sludge in the power generator offers far worse "Chemical emissions.

Water Pollution:

Reflecting back to June 2014 pipe rupture reported by a property owners. I viewed evidence of sludge leakage floating in Pictou Harbour in front of our residence. Because of brush offs given when previous complaints were called in, I declined to complain that day. EXAMPLE 3

The next day reports of a rupture at Indian Cross was a reality.

After the blockade by Pictou Landing First Nations and community was removed and clean up began is was disturbing how much effluent had spilled and how long it took to complete clean up. Equally disturbing was the fact that the soil had such high contamination there was no safe place to dump these pollutants but truck it back to boat harbour.

That summer our beautiful Melmerby beach was contaminated although denied, for most of the summer.
Noted this was not evident before at Melmerby or since the summer of 2014.

EXAMPLE 4 Examples shows how fast soil and vegetation died when effluent poured over the land.

In Nov. 2014 our local Environment Pictou District office in Granton was delivered a third-party report on the water and soil around boat harbour.

Test results from samples taken from soil and seawater around boat harbour treatement facility, assisted by a resident of Pictou Landing First Nations; these samples were collected by a Chemist with I I F. Consulting and tested by Maxxam Environmental Laboratory in Bedford N.S.

Analytical results: heavy metals detected included: cadmium, lead, nickle Chromium, Arsenic, Aluminum Vanadium and Mercury.

Mercury was detected in three of the six soil samples, but were not able to state if Mercury was from previous leaks.

. Child and adolescent neuropsychiatrist stated emissions and their impact on people are immediate and severe.

The worst effects of this emissions will be more evident in children, during their growing years than adults. EXAMPLE-5

Northern Pulp's reply was, they couldnot make an informed statement on this information as they were not privy to the information. Although in the pulp mill process; Manadium is added to steel alloys to harden the metal for applications as tool steels, rollers and presses. Chromium is used as an electroplated coating on steel to resist wear and abrasion, also used in stainless steel alloys along with nickle to resist Chemical attack.

I ask; what part of these findings in these samples are Northern Pulp not aware? These heavy metals are part of their mill process.

Mr Wilson, Northern Pulp has been stained with lack of trust factor in this Community ... the stacks emit steam. ... not privy to heavy metals information knowing well what is in their mill process.

The most recent Controversial statement by Northern Pulp is, that processed effluent from the proposed facility or site when pumped into Northumberland Strait would have no negative affect on fish. Effluent kills vegetation but not harm fish!!

Northern Pulp keep throwing out these statements as if they are valid and hoping they stick.

In Sept. 2019 New Legislation was brought forward by Federal Environment Minister Catherine McKenna, asking for new recommendation on whether Northern Pulp proposed effluent treatment plant should be forced to undergo a federal assessment; actually based on the revised Federal Impact Assessment Act. This places more concerns on how the project impacts Aboriginal people.

According to documents Northern Pulp's proposed effluent treatment plant does not fall under the list of projects automatically requiring a longer federal assessment. However the Minister may require a federal assessment if the project causes adverse environment impacts or public concerns.

Mr Wilson, the public definitely have concerns regarding adverse effects on our waters from this proposal. This focus report cannot possibly provided sufficient evidence, anymore than the evidence that was provided before the use of Boat Harbour began.

What we do know, the effects; negatively; Northern Pulp Mill created in our environment and it started twenty four hours after effluent started dumping into boat harbours. fifty plus years ago.

With the same chemical process being used in the mill there is no scientific proof that Chemicals will not enter the Strait.

Proof we do know is the significant damages created in boat Harbour, and the total extent we have yet to learn through the cleanup.

We cannot take a chance on this decision to approve the Northern Pulp Mill request. We must learn from our past decisions. Fifty years ago First Nations peoples where told by the leaders of the day that boat harbour would not be negatively affected. We do have evidence of that false statement.

Today we face a $100, $300 million dollar cleanup; We do have scientific evidence to backup that statement.

The mill effluent has negatively affected our shellfish fishery in our area, we cannot destroy the Northumberland Strait fishery.

Mr Wilson your decisions impact the health and safty of our community. As stated by a forester not afraid to speak out "Our forestry will survive after the mill is gone"!

I'm afraid our fisheries may never return to the world market if destroyed by Northern Pulp Mill effluent.

Health before Wealth!!

In closing I thank you for taking the time to read my concerns and view my attachments.

No pipe in Northumberland Strait

No extension to Boat Harbour.

Honour the Boat Harbour Act.

Yours truly

Mr Gordon Wilson
Minister of Environment

Please accept my signature attached to this letter as my support of the content.

Removing Northern Pulp pollutants from East Harbour, the Northern Pulp Focus Report plan to deposit this effluent into Northumberland Strait is definitely not a solution for this pollution.

Our community has suffered for fifty plus years with polluted air, water and soil.

Please Mr Gordon Wilson end this environmental racism.

Your truly

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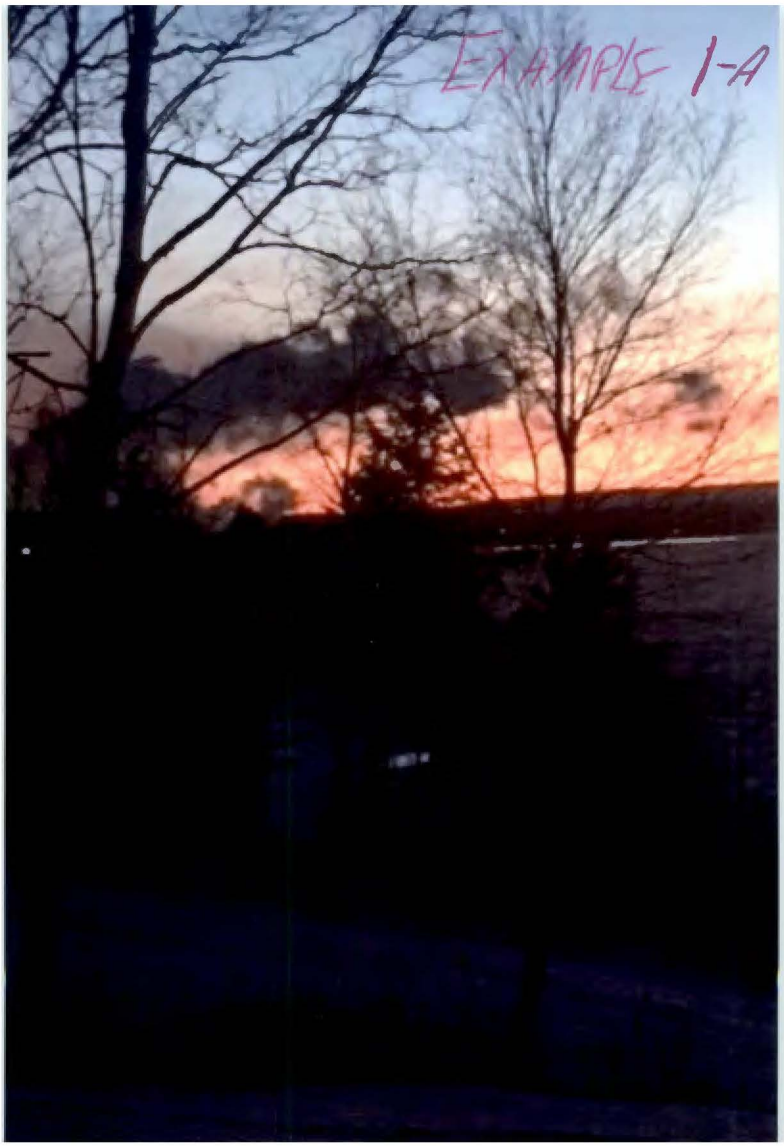
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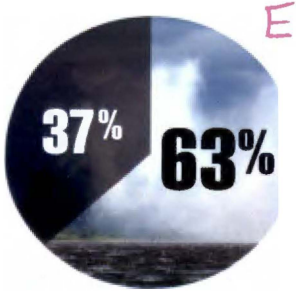
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EXAMPLE 2



The World Health Organization has classified particulate matter, carcinogenic to humans.* **Northern Pulp emits 63% of all the PM2.5 in Nova Scotia. More than every other company combined.** In 2012 they were 6th on the list of Canada's top PM2.5 polluters and emitted more than twice as much as any other pulp mill in the country.**

Quality of life has been hindered significantly due to Northern Pulp's recent emissions. Not only is it impossible to breathe the air in Pictou or in the surrounding area where the plume may waft, the nausea, eye burning, migraines and respiratory symptoms all factor into the negative effect on our health and wellbeing. Data supports that biohazards are already in our air, water and soil. I try to promote a healthy active lifestyle to my patients and can no longer sit and watch this beautiful area disintegrate due to irresponsible management without a conscience.

Dr. Anne Kwasnik, MD, ABFP, CCFP

The specialized cancer agency of the World Health Organization, after reviewing more than 1000 scientific articles in 2013, conclusively stated that particulate matter is carcinogenic to humans. Surely Mr. Glavine, Mr. Delorey and the Board of Directors of Northern Pulp are aware of these conclusions and need to ethically do what is right to correct this awful situation. The Departments of Health and Environment have a mandated obligation to ensure a healthy environment for our citizens.

Dr. Gerry Farrell, MD, Medical Director, Palliative Care, PCHA

You come to know very quickly that when you can't breathe, nothing else matters. Lungs are not like broken bones where if you damage them, they'll repair. Two things are certain - lung cancer rates, the rates of COPD [chronic obstructive pulmonary disease] and asthma are particularly high in Nova Scotia and it is well-known that Pictou County has some of the highest rates in the province for respiratory illnesses.

Louis Brill, President & CEO, Lung Association of Nova Scotia.

It is said, "It takes a community to raise a child." We, as a community, must address the injustices exhibited by Northern Pulp, so that we may raise our children in good health with respect and justice for all. Consequences of individual bad behaviour are normally swift in society. It is time the same standards were applied to the bad behaviours of corporations.

Dr. Catharina Felderhof, MD

There is far too much anecdotal evidence to dismiss, as the Minister of Health and Wellness has done. With Northern Pulp spewing 78% above acceptable emissions, the burden of proof regarding health, should not be on the people.

Dr. Maurice Strasfeld, MD


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EXAMPLE 4

Figure 2: Wetland Location. Note the pooled effluent filling the wetland and browned vegetation



Figure 3: Flow from the Wetland onto the Beach. Note the blown down vegetation and color of the effluent.



Figure 1: Pipe Rupture site. Note the blown down vegetation and the tree which had collapsed into a pool of effluent.



Figure 4: Picture Flow from the Wetland into the East River Estuary. Note the signs of erosion along the effluent pathway.

EXAMPLE 5

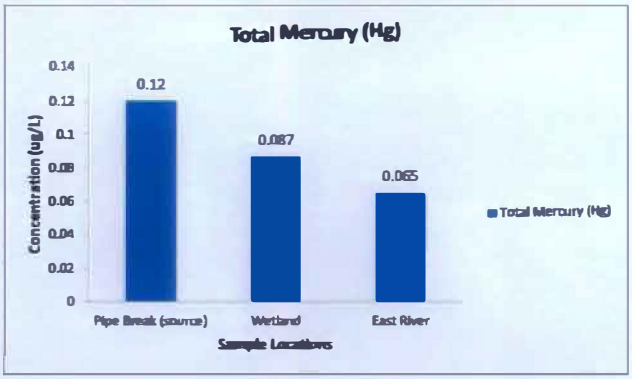


Figure 8: Mercury Concentrations along the Effluent Pathway from the Pipe Break Source to the East River

3.5 Total Suspended Solids (TSS)

Water Samples were sent to the Department of Agriculture to be tested for TSS. The highest concentration was measured at the East River site followed by the Wetland (see Figure 9). The source was not tested for suspended solids because there were a limited number of sample bottles. Priority was given to sample the Wetland and the East River. Concentrations at the site of the Pipe Break Source would not likely be representative of effluent concentrations as there was a lot of particulate matter in the water from the surrounding dirt and sludge and there would be no data in the case of future monitoring to compare this too because the effluent was going to be pumped out. The Pictou Beach sample was not tested to reduce cost and redundancies with the wetland site.

EXAMPLES

3.0 Results

The following section provides results found from water quality analysis from the three testing facilities (Maxxam Analytics, the Department of Agriculture, and the Aberdeen Hospital). Soil samples were not analysed, consequently, there are no soil quality results presented in this section.

3.1 Lead

Water samples were tested for lead by the Department of Agriculture and Maxxam Analytics. The highest concentration of lead was found at the Pipe Break site by both facilities; however, the Department of Agriculture's concentration of lead appears substantially higher than Maxxam's. The lead concentration declined as the sample sites moved further away from the site of the pipeline break and toward the East River estuary (See Figure 6). The Department of Agriculture had inconclusive data for the East River site. The Pictou Beach Site sample was not tested by Maxxam Analytics.

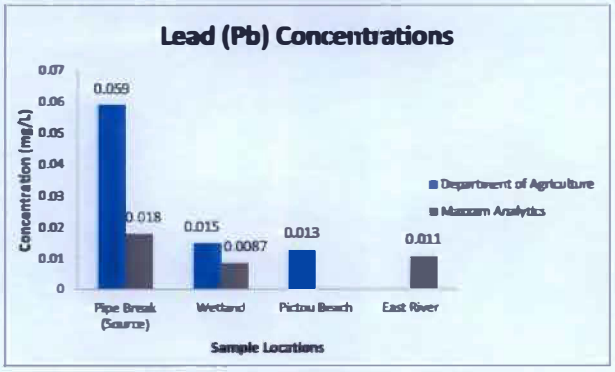


Figure 6: Lead (Pb) Concentrations along the Effluent Pathway from the Pipe Break Source to the East River

3.2 pH

Tests for pH were conducted solely by the Department of Agriculture. The pH level at the Pipe Break Source was found to be the highest (most basic). Levels of pH declined (increased in acidity) gradually as sample locations moved away from the source and toward the East River. The Pictou Beach and East River locations had a very similar pH levels (Figure 7).

EXAMPLE 5

Table 2: Heavy Metals Concentrations along the Effluent Pathway from the Pipe Break to the East River

ND – Not detected

Metals (ug\L)	Site #1 – Pipe Break Source	Site #2 - Wetland	Site # 4 - East River
Total Aluminum (Al)	12000	2200	820
Total Antimony (Sb)	*ND	*ND	*ND
Total Arsenic (As)	9.9	6	7.8
Total Barium (Ba)	220	150	310
Total Beryllium (Be)	*ND	*ND	*ND
Total Bismuth (Bi)	*ND	*ND	*ND
Total Boron (B)	69	72	830
Total Cadmium (Cd)	0.89	1.1	0.53
Total Calcium (Ca)	17000	21000	99000
Total Chromium (Cr)	11	3.5	2.1
Total Cobalt (Co)	8.1	1.6	2.2
Total Copper (Cu)	37	11	13
Total Iron (Fe)	9800	2100	2300
Total Lead (Pb)	18	8.7	11
Total Magnesium (Mg)	2400	2400	200000
Total Manganese (Mn)	1100	790	3100
Total Molybdenum (Mo)	82	100	37
Total Nickel (Ni)	17	6.9	5.3
Total Phosphorus (P)	750	1000	410
Total Potassium (K)	8400	12000	66000
Total Selenium (Se)	2.8	6.8	2.4
Total Silver (Ag)	0.19	0.18	*ND
Total Sodium (Na)	210000	320000	1800000
Total Strontium (Sr)	37	63	1300
Total Thallium (Tl)	0.24	0.5	0.11
Total Tin (Sn)	*ND	*ND	*ND
Total Titanium (Ti)	110	25	15
Total Uranium (U)	2	1.2	1.9
Total Vanadium (V)	16	7.5	7.5
Total Zinc (Zn)	72	78	26

EXAMPLE 5


Emissions and their impact on people are immediate and severe. One day not acting is a day lost.
THE WORST EFFECTS OF THE EMISSION WILL BE MORE EVIDENT IN CHILDREN IN THEIR GROWING YEARS THAN ADULTS.
Dr. John Krawczyk, MD, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: In todays environmental crisis, it is absolutely absurd to think placing a pipe to dump millions of litres of effluent daily into the ocean is acceptable. There are many issues with Northern Pulps proposed new effluent treatment facility and in this letter I will quickly summarize 4 of them. 1. It states ocean water quality within 5 meters of the diffuser will meet Canadian marine guidelines. Meaning, the 5 meters from the diffuser does not count? Within those 5 meters it does not meet the guidelines and is toxic. This is unacceptable, I would also like to note there is no leak detection system stated to be in the marine portion of the pipeline. Where the proposed pipe will lay, if there is a leak, to the west of the pipe a receiving water study would fail due to shallow waters at that area around Caribou Island. For this reason Mr. Minister, this focus report should not pass. 2. It also states, third party environmental experts have assessed that no significant impacts are expected on any fisheries or fish habitat as a result of the project. I would like to point out these third party environmental experts are paid and benefit greatly by this. NP will only print what they want and need regarding environmental impacts. It is absolutely ludicrous that this is even noted in the focused report when there is no way to legitimately quantify that there will be no significant impacts.The focus assessment only reports on frameworks to assess and predictions. Therefore, the above statement is simply untrue and for this reason Mr. Wilson, this focus report should not pass. 3. Within 5 meters of the diffuser, the difference between the treated wastewater and ocean temperature will be less then 1 degree C. Again, 5 meters from the pipe the water is 1C or greater. This is alarming considering it has been researched across world that many species in an ocean ecosystem simply will not survive or multiply in warm temperatures. For this reason Mr. Minister, this focus report should not pass. 4. Treated Effluent will not be visible at the waters surface. Therefore it is acceptable? The Pulp mills focus report having this written in their key findings speaks volumes to how they operate and have been operating for years. If you cannot see it, it does not matter. This is ridiculous to state as a key finding in the focus report. I would also like to mention the Northumberland Strait connects Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, PEI reaches as far as Quebec. It is a rich fishing ground for THOUSANDS of people. These fishing industries employ thousands more people within these provinces all year round.The fishing industry in Nova Scotia grew to $2 billion in exports, making us the top exporter in the country for the THIRD year in a row in 2018. This is a record setting figure that helps to secure thousands of jobs and opportunities for coastal and rural communities. The money that is made by the fishing industries in these rural communities, benefit the communities themselves! All the profit stays HERE in Nova Scotia, in RURAL Nova Scotia. There has been many conservation efforts to save the endangered North Atlantic Right Whale in the past 3 years. As concerned as the government and environmentalists are about saving this endangered species, dumping millions of litres of warm effluent directly into the ocean should also be of concern. There is no telling what may be endangered once millions of litres of toxins and solids of effluent are being dumped into the ocean DAILY. Please consider this, once a pipe is built and placed into the ocean, we cannot take back the damage it may do. Once this is done, it is done. With the weak focus report NP has brought forward, it is certain this industry will ruin an ecosystem and a community. It is

time to start moving forward. The it happens there so why not do it here statement simply cannot apply any longer. We deserve CLEAN air, CLEAN water CLEAN food ! Please choose HEALTH over wealth Mr. Wilson, it is our lives at stake. NO PIPE IN OUR STRAIT. Thank you, , Pictou County Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Pictou County Postal-Code:

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Please view attached comments regarding Northern Pulps proposal for the Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility.

November 7, 2019

Gordon Wilson
Environment Minister
EA@novascotia.ca

Attention to Mr. Gordon Wilson,

My name is and I have lived in Pictou County my entire life. I call Pictou home and it is the community I love. I care for the health and wellness of the people that make up this community. All of them! Everyone who also calls this beautiful place home matters. I am writing with major concerns in relation to Northern Pulps proposed Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility.

As I read the Human Health Risk Assessment Appendix 9.2 my heart sinks. To think that our beautiful Northumberland Strait is at such tremendous risk of having warm, toxic wastewater being dumped and pumped into it is appalling! This ecosystem is essential for so many reasons. First and foremost, the health of our water is essential to all life forms that live within it and to each of us that live along these shores. The proposed RET facility and its location are preposterous. The proximity to the Pictou water source is of absolute concern. I ask you to take this into consideration, thousands of lives depend on it! The effects for humans who eat from these waters, fish, swim and walk these areas will be devastating. I walk the Caribou Shore with my dog everyday. This area means so much to me and many others. I have been to many places around the world, yet, Caribou and Caribou Island remain my favorite places in the world. The beauty of nature in these places is exquisite.

In addition, this project imposes destructive and invasive practices that disrupt the many species that reside within the water and its surrounding areas to install this pipe, besides the tragedy of what may be released into these tidal waters. The studies of effects on aquatic life they provided are incomplete, as they have only suggested effects on 5 species and have not been conclusive. Mostly because they did not have time, or actual proof that the species would not be affected. That is too risky and irresponsible. It will be the same quality effluent (broadcasted on CBC by NP employee) that destroyed sacred grounds and many species of fish in Pictou Landing, N.S.. Please have the courage and good sense to reject this proposal and honor the Boat Harbour closure date of January 31, 2020. I am not a scientist and I do not believe that is required to see clearly there will be adverse effects that are unacceptable and unnecessary. This is not the kind of thing that is easily mitigated or reversed. Boat Harbour is a prime example. It is devastating to think that this could happen again.

I stand with many others who want to move forward and come together in a healthy, informed community. The economics of our community is more resilient than some think it is. We have the ability to bounce back from this loss of the mill. It will take time and we will support each other along the way, as part of the healing process. We have to allow ourselves to think bigger than an ancient mill with ancient practices that has no regard for the greater good. The air we have been breathing here and the divide in our community is proof. The mill is for a few, nature is for EVERYONE!

Liberals environment policy states “To reduce pollution that threatens our clean air, oceans, and the health of Canadians” This proposal and the current operation of NP threatens our health and for that reason the risks are too great to allow it to proceed. May our health matter as much to you as it does to me and this place we call home.

In good faith,

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November 7, 2019

The Hon. Gordon Wilson
Minister of Environment

Dear Minister Wilson:

I am writing in relation to the Focus Report on Northern Pulp's Proposed Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility Project.

My name is and I grew up and live on the Sunrise Trail along the beautiful Northumberland Strait. I have lived there for 62 years and have been fishing for 37 years out of Toney River. As a fisherman of 37 years I know how fragile the ecosystem of the Northumberland Strait is and the mere idea of pumping 90 million liters of effluent a day into the Strait is insane.

The thought of pumping the effluent through a pipe on a busy highway through Pictou's watershed under Pictou Harbour is laughable but more importantly it is dangerous to the environment if a break was to happen. Northern Pulp's response to questions about these dangers are that it is "highly unlikely anything could happen". That is not good enough.

Now concerning the pollution that is coming out of Northern Pulp's stacks. Anybody who lives in Pictou County can attest to the stink when the wind is blowing in a certain direction. Also there are children and seniors with breathing problems and the cancer rates in Pictou County are very high.

It is time for the pulp mill to shut down and for the Nova Scotia Government to honor the Boat Harbour Act so PLFN can start to heal from years of environmental racism as well as other communities in Pictou County. There is no one in this province that would want this toxic dump in their backyard. It is shameful but really there are no words to describe it so take a trip to Boat Harbour and see for yourself.

Respectfully Submitted,

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November 7, 2019

The Hon. Gordon Wilson
Minister of Environment

Dear Minister Wilson:

I am writing in relation to the Focus Report on Northern Pulp's Proposed Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility Project.

My name is , I grew up in the Town of Pictou and I can remember when the pulp mill first started operation. The smell coming out of those stacks was so awful it used to make me gag. The smell has not improved much over the years but I do know when it was going to rain because the smell settles right over the town and 50+ years later it still does. Even today as I am putting this letter together the smell is waffling through the air and it is disgusting, once again my head aches.

I now live on the Sunrise Trail along the Northumberland Strait for the past 34 years. I have noticed the Northumberland Shore has changed over the years. I have made many trips to the shore during the winter months over the years where the buildup of ice comes right up to the bank of our property. There are huge boulders on the beach that are moved every winter by the ice and there is a brook that runs through our property down to the beach that changes direction every time there is a storm. The winds have really increased and are getting stronger and causing more damage. I cannot imagine what would happen in the Northumberland Strait with all the ice flows and wind and then add a proposed pipeline right in the middle of it. Just the idea of a pipeline in the Northumberland Strait just boggles my mind. We have no control over the forces of Mother Nature but we can do better environmentally by looking after the resources she has so graciously given us, not destroy them.

I am very concerned with the current owners of Northern Pulp because they are a multibillion dollar company that will use any means possible to get what they want. To install a pipeline into the middle of the fishing grounds and ecosystem of the Northumberland Strait is not even something that should be considered let alone approved. This pipeline will kill the fishery and everything it has done for Nova Scotia in regards to its name in the seafood markets known worldwide. The fishermen have worked together over the years to create a sustainable fishery by cutting the number of traps for every license, size of escape mechanisms as well as size of lobsters that are too small to keep.

It is so sad that we will never know what the pulp mill has and continues to pump into Boat Harbour and what comes out of those stacks. The people of PLFN and surrounding communities deserve better. Minister Wilson, if you have never been to Boat Harbour I suggest you visit the facility. I hope you are prepared to see the environmental disaster that it really is, take a big deep breath and be thankful this poison cesspool is not in your backyard. Words cannot describe what you will see.

I have read parts of the Focus Report, I will not lie there is a lot to comprehend. When I read computer modelling was being used to simulate conditions in a marine environment I was amazed how this would be similar to the Northumberland Strait. You cannot compare a computer program to a marine ecosystem and predict fish species and

marine life will not be effected or highly unlikely be effected. They do not know the effluent will have no effect on marine life and the sensitive ecosystem of the Northumberland Strait just because a computer model says so. I cannot believe they have the audacity to think people will accept putting our oceans at risk for corporate greed. We have come a long way in the past 50+ years since the pulp mill was first built in Pictou County. This proposed pipeline into the Northumberland Strait is totally "unacceptable" and wrong in so many ways.

I have concerns in the Focus Report in regards to the following:

1. I refer to the Focus Report 2.1.3 Pipeline Property Crossing
   A list of properties (i.e., Premises Identification number or PID) that will intersect with the new pipeline alignment.
   Table 2.1-1: List of Properties/ PIDs intersecting the realigned Pipeline Alignment

PID	Property ID Holder's Name	Route (Preferred or Alternate)1
65097099	Water Parcel - No Owner Identified	Preferred
65094914	Road Parcel Owner Undetermined	Preferred
65055139	Her Majesty The Queen (Canada)	Preferred
65094880	Road Parcel Owner Undetermined	Preferred
65094906	Road Parcel Owner Undetermined	Preferred
65094922	Road Parcel Owner Undetermined	Preferred
65094930	Road Parcel Owner Undetermined	Preferred
65094971	Road Parcel Owner Undetermined	Preferred and Alternate Rotary PID)
65097065	Water Parcel - No Owner Identified	Preferred
65094948	Road Parcel Owner Undetermined	Preferred
65095010	Road Parcel Owner Undetermined	Preferred
65131336	Road Parcel Owner Undetermined	Alternate
65131328	Road Parcel Owner Undetermined	Alternate
65096851	Road Parcel Owner Undetermined (Jitney Trail)*	Preferred
00889162	NS Transportation And Public Works	Preferred
65095036	Road Parcel Owner Undetermined	Preferred
00864538	Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation	Preferred
65103798	Road Parcel Owner Undetermined	Preferred
65106288	Water Parcel - No Owner Identified	Preferred
65166753	Her Majesty The Queen (Canada)	Preferred
65166746	Her Majesty The Queen (Canada)	Preferred
65049850	Her Majesty The Queen (Canada)	Preferred
65131252	Road Parcel Owner Undetermined	Preferred

I took the opportunity to look these PID's up on the Government of Nova Scotia's Property Online website. This website provides online access to land ownership and related information collected through the province's Land Registration Offices and other sources. I entered every PID # from the above table and there was nothing except the Jitney Trail. I ask where did Northern Pulp get these PID #'s, this is very troubling.

2. Table 7.3-2 Summary of Marine Impacts, Mitigation Measures, and Overall Significance

I refer to this table where it indicates potential effects from this project as well as overall significance. It really disturbs me that Northern Pulp has took it upon themselves to determine that overall effects are considered to be generally minor, localized and generally reversible. I do not know how they would know anything at this point because

the pipe has not been put in the water and to assume nothing is going to happen to marine life is unacceptable.

In conclusion the only acceptable option is for the Nova Scotia Department of Environment to hand over the environmental assessment to the federal Impact Assessment Agency.

Respectfully submitted,

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Hello Minister Wilson

I am adding my opinion with respect to giving Northern Pulp permission to pipe effluent into the ocean.

While few choices are without complex financial and social effects I believe it's time to stop approving projects that don't include full environmental balance either directly on-site or in times X compensatory remediation elsewhere. For too long, industries have been allowed to record profits, while at the same time offloading the hidden cost of environmental degradation to everyone else; this is unacceptable as a business model.

There have been too many instances of for profit projects that do damage during operation by pushing the less obvious expense of environmental harm onto everyone else, and when no longer profitable, leave a mess behind for others to endure or clean up using public money.

While I can imagine that those who want to dump effluent will say that studies show the ocean can take this volume without significant impact, I suggest that it is one more such project globally adding to the cumulative effect of oceanic degradation.

In my opinion you should not approve Norther Pulp's application to dump its' industrial waste into the ocean.

Thanks for your time and consideration; I'm looking forward to your progressive decision.

From: Minister, Env
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Cc: office@antigonishmla.ca; @parl.gc.ca
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Dear Minister Wilson,

I'm writing to express my concerns during the public response period for the Focus Report of the Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation Effluent Treatment Facility proposal being considered under provincial environmental assessment. I would like to ask you to reject this proposal in its entirety due to the serious negative environmental effects the project will have on the land, air and sea. This project will create human health risks, will damage Nova Scotia's tourism and fishery sectors and will damage the ecosystems in this region – which include vibrant wetlands, coastal and marine ecosystems and diverse wildlife.

Please make the right decision and reject this dangerous project. There are no longer economic arguments which can support the damage this project would do to our environment and our citizens.

Sincerely,

St. Francis Xavier University
Antigonish, NS

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: With todays technology i would feel quit safe with northern pulps waste water plan for disposal People sometimes over react without even looking at what they are saying no to . Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address: Municipality: Postal-Code: Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 59 y: 22

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Hello,
I would like to express my concern about the Environmental Assessment provided by Northern Pupl regarding the effluent treatment proposal. I have looked at the proposal, but I have also done my best to educate myself on this issue so I may provide the best response I can.

First and foremost a LAW was passed stating that the Boat Harbour treatment plant be CLOSED in January 31, 2020, in accordance with treaty rights for the Pictou Landing First Nations. So, therefore, I don't care if the Environmental Assessment involves the CEO of Northern Pulp hand filtering the wastewater himself with a silk scarf, a LAW was passed. We have laws for reasons, and I can't believe that the people who make them would be able to forget this. If I break a serious law, I go to jail, that's the basics our our society. So, Premier MacNeil, DO NOT BREAK this LAW!

Even if you were to allow this Boat Harbour law to be broken, which would be deeply shameful, Northern Pulp has had FIVE YEARS to do something about this, and then at the last minute, they start to panic and throw together this report. You know what? When I went to high school, I really hated the kids who didn't hand in their work on time and then expected a last-minute extension. They don't deserve this. If they cared about the job loss, they would have started their "homework" on time. Also, Northern Pulp has said THEY will close if not granted an extension, but they will not take the blame for the closure, even though they failed to do their own due diligence in a timely fashion. This is on them - the pollution, the job loss, the corporate greed ahead of all else.

Canada has a long history of severe mistreatment of natives and we are finally starting to talk of reconciliation, which is important work, but this is a huge step backward. When we think of natives having their land stolen, we think it's 1860's not 1960's. Step back for a moment, and really look at this. Yes, the plant employs people, but it also pollutes the air and water for locals who live around it. It was wrong to take the land in the first place, and this has gone on for decades, with false and broken promises all along the way. When I set out to look into the history so that I could express my concerns from an educated viewpoint, I had no idea how clear he corruption would be. For a thing that shouldn't have happened in the first place, to over half a century of failing to put it right, there's only one logical, moral line of action here, which is to close the effluent plant.

Politicians have a hard job - on one hand you've got mill workers and forestry workers who want to keep their jobs. On the other hand, morally and legally you are obligated to uphold the laws that were passed to allow the rightful owners of this land to reclaim what is rightfully theirs and what was taken from them illegally. But in addition to pulp mill jobs, you have to remember that there are also fishery jobs on the line here, in the Northumberland Strait, for NS

and PEI.

Signs keep popping up that Nova Scotia needs Forestry. But you know what? We can't have forestry if there are no trees left! Just like the fishery industry, over-use of our resources and a lack of general intelligence in the management of these resources are the real reason for job loss. When we properly protect out resources, we PROTECT jobs! I don't know why so many people can't understand this basic concept. Didn't you read The Lorax (Dr. Seuss) as a child?

As far as costs to the public, how about the $100 million for cleanup coming out of taxpayers' (federal) pockets? How do you like your 300 jobs now that they cost us $300,000 each? How many years of salary for the average mill job is that? And how much will we get in tax dollars from those workers to pay that bill? Such a small amount compared to the price tag. You need to be smart about this stuff. Stupidity and a lack of hard thinking will be the death of us all.

In the statement filed by Pictou Landing First Nations, I have read that risks can't be properly assessed because they don't know for sure what will be in the effluent. I can't believe you would consider giving Northern Pulp a 'carte blanche' to send out effluent now and see if will be okay later. That's not how things should work. I can't believe that in 2019 we would still be considering dumping factory sludge in our oceans. Have you all gone completely mad?
As a marine biologist by schooling I have read the parts of the report pertaining to what I know best, and I can see a lot of biodiversity that is at risk, including that which supports the fishing industry.

This is clearly a case of environmental racism, where the inherent rights of the natives are being overrun by corporate interests, under the pretense that they are protecting jobs. Make sure you carefully read all the information, being aware of any biases in the scientific information presented by the company that stands to lose so much profit. If we keep putting corporate profits first, these industries WILL all collapse, as resources run dry and they run away with all the profits they've made. There is a sustainable future for paper mills, as there are alternatives that are intelligently planned out, such as the close-loop system. But that cuts too deeply into the corporate paycheque. Here's a wild idea - allow the First Nations to run the mill in an environmentally sustainable, healthy way - jobs can be retained and the industry can be saved. As for forestry workers, I have heard from individuals I have spoken to, that it is almost impossible to acquire decent lumber for high end wood-working products because everything goes for pulp or biomass. A higher margin can be made on the former products, so prioritizing them over pulp and biomass also makes economical sense. We CAN support industry and environment at the same time, in fact, they rely on each other so heavily, it's the only intelligent way to proceed.

Concerned citizen

Lower Branch, Lunenburg County, NS

Some of the sources I used include this graphic timeline published by Pictou Landing First Nations, "Why Pictou Landing First Nations cannot agree to extend the deadline for closing the Boat Harbour Treatment Facility - A Time Line" as well as an article from a Pulp and Paper website, in an effort to examine both sides.

https://www.pulpandpapercanada.com/pipe-or-nopipe-an-update-on-northern-pulp-

1100001760/

Why Pictou Landing First Nation cannot agree to extend the deadline for closing the Boat Harbour Treatment Facility – A Time Line

1966 – Canada, as legal owner of Pictou Landing First nation's reserve lands adjacent to Boat Harbour, issues Order-in-Council No. 1996-1669 transfers property rights associated with Boat Harbour to Province of Nova Scotia without proper authorization under Indian Act. Transfer has no legal effect.

1967 – Province builds pipeline to Boat Harbour from Scott Maritimes new mill and begins "treating" effluent from the mill at Boat Harbour. Effluent interferes with PLFN's aboriginal and treaty rights.

1991- Province acknowledges that it has no right to interfere with waters of Boat Harbour. Province promises to close Boat Harbour Treatment Facility when agreement with Scott Maritimes ended on December 31, 1995.

1992 – Province repeats promise to close the Boat Harbour Treatment Facility on December 31, 1995.

1995 – Province decides to allow Scott Maritimes (then owner of the mill) to operate Boat Harbour Treatment Facility for 10 more years. Gives Scott Maritimes a lease and an indemnity agreement.

1997 – Province promises to transfer treatment facility land at Boat Harbour to PLFN once treatment facility is closed and remediated.

2000 – Agra Simons (engineers hired by Province and Kimberly Clark - then the new owner of the mill) identifies options for treating effluent including AST technology on site next to mill with pipeline to Pictou Road just off Lighthouse Beach. Cost estimate is $67 million.

2001 – Kimberly Clark agrees to build a short by-pass pipeline within Boat Harbour by December 31, 2005 so dam at mouth of Boat Harbour can removed returning Boat Harbour to a natural tidal state and so Boat Harbour can be cleaned by Province. Treatment facility would remain in place at upper reaches of Boat Harbour and effluent piped through by-pass pipeline and discharged at mouth of Boat Harbour until 2030. In exchange PLFN agrees not to oppose treatment facility operating until December 31, 2030.

2002 – Without consulting with PLFN, without waiting until the lease had ended (still more than three years to go to December 31, 2005) and without waiting to make sure the promised by-pass pipeline was built, the Province extends lease for Boat Harbour Treatment Facility to year 2030 – instead of ending on December 31, 2005 lease will now end on December 31, 2030.

2003 – Kimberly Clark/Province's engineers "discover" that by-pass pipeline is not feasible due to environmental concerns (eutrophication) from effluent being pushed back into Boat Harbour with the incoming tide. Instead of revoking the lease extension given to Kimberly Clark - which was only be granted because PLFN agreed not to oppose the treatment facility if Kimberly Clark built the promised by-pass pipeline by December 31, 2005 - the Province leaves the lease extension in place.

2005 – Kimberly Clark misses December 31, 2005 deadline to build by-pass pipeline and Kimberly Clark and Province ask PLFN to extend the deadline to build the by-pass pipeline to December 31,2008 to give more time to find another solution.

source: Pictou Landing First Nation

2006 - PLFN agrees to extend deadline for building the by-pass pipeline to December 31, 2008.

2008 – As December 31, 2008 deadline approaches, PLFN asked by Province and Northern Pulp (then the new owner of the mill) to extend the deadline again. PLFN refuses and insists treatment facility be closed. Province agrees in letter of December 4, 2008 to close the treatment facility but says this will take time and offers to compensate PLFN for waiting until new treatment facility closes. Northern Pulp misses December 31, 2008 (second deadline) to complete by-pass pipeline.

2009 – PLFN repudiates 2001 agreement because Northern Pulp has not built by-pass pipeline as promised despite extension of 3 years. Province does not revoke lease extension. Province appoints negotiator to negotiate terms of continued use of Boat Harbour Treatment Facility while new treatment facility is built. In June 2009 general election PC government defeated and NDP elected. Province discontinues negotiations and decides to "study" the matter.

2010 –Amec engineers report on options for effluent treatment. Includes same option identified by Agra Simons in 2000 - AST system on mill site with pipeline discharge point off Lighthouse Beach. Cost of AST treatment facility estimated at $91 million. Province breaks promise to PLFN and decides not to close Boat Harbour Treatment Facility. Instead lends $75 million to Northern Pulp to buy 475,000 acres of forest land for long term benefit of Northern Pulp and then pays another $16.5 million to buy 55,000 acres of the same 455,000 acres from Northern Pulp for a total of $91 million paid to Northern Pulp in the deal (see https://novascotia.ca/natr/land/neenah-2010/).

2011 – ADI engineering, hired by PLFN, reports that adding tertiary (third level) treatment to AST system at mill site was feasible with cleaner water and potential cost savings if shorter pipeline used.

2014 – Existing effluent pipeline (installed in 1967) finally leaks at Indian Cross Point on lands known to be Mi'kmaq burial grounds. Mill shuts down and PLFN blockades site. In June 2014 Province agrees to negotiate a closure date for Boat Harbour Treatment Facility with PLFN and to fix the closure date in legislation so that it cannot be changed. Northern Pulp is fully aware of this agreement.

2015 – Boat Harbour Act passes in March 2015. Fixes January 31, 2020 as date for closure of Boat Harbour Treatment Facility.

2017 – Northern Pulp and Province hire KHI engineers to design new treatment facility – 4 ½ years after Province agrees to close Boat Harbour Treatment Facility and 2 ½ years after Boat Harbour Act becomes law. KHI recommends AST system at mill site – same system Agra Simons identified in 2000 and Amec in 2010. Province dismisses PLFN suggestion to add tertiary treatment as identified by ADI in 2011.

2019 – By January 23, 2019 Northern Pulp has not filed an application for environmental approval of new treatment facility.

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Hon. Gordon Wilson
Minister of Environment

Sir.

I am writing in support of Northern Pulp and their intention to build a wastewater facility with a pipe going into the Northumberland Strait.
Our Nova Scotian Government has the responsibility to create laws that protect our environment and enforce those laws.
The loss of employment in Pictou County and across the province will have a devastating effect on the economy of Nova Scotia, particularly rural areas. Forestry is a renewable resource that needs to be fostered. Forestry is comparable in many ways to farming. Our forests need to be maintained by foresters. Trees need to be harvested and replanted. We our fortunate to live in an area where we can have a forestry industry. Does it really make sense to shut the mill in today's rural economic situation?
I have studied many reports and I am convinced that the effluent will have little or no impact on fishing in this area. I live close to Boat Harbour and have been eating lobster and other seafood fished in this area for over 60 years. Initially the effluent from Boat Harbour ran right into the strait and we ate the fish. I frankly have more concerns about all the human waste that flows into the strait because your department fails to do anything about the hundreds of cottages and residences that have no septic systems.
I live on Roy Island, at the end of Melmerby Beach Provincial Park. I live here year round and we do have a proper septic system. I thoroughly support Northern Pulp in its plan to install a state of the art wastewater treatment facility.
Regarding our beautiful beach, I do have grave concerns on the septic issue. You are no doubt aware that Parley Beach has been closed on several occasion because of coliform count. Interestingly enough, water testing in this area has stopped because DNR does not have $35 for the water testing. Yet we can afford to consider shutting the mill?
I would appreciate a response

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 3:49:22 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I support this project and the operation of the mill. It is important and vital for the local and regional economy. Without this mill, the natural ressource harvested pulpwood will be wasted and not be utilized for the most part on Crown and private woodland harvesting operations. Thus creating waste and lost revenues for multiple facets of the economy. With todays technology and knowledge, a feasible and responsible solution as proposed can and should be done to keep this Mill, community and region alive Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Dieppe Postal-Code:

From: @hotmail.com
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Anyone who thinks the white stuff coming out of the stacks at Northern Pulp is polluting smoke it is 98 steam. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Central Onslow Postal-Code: B6L 5M2 Phone: Fax: email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 14 y: 20

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: As a permanent resident of Pictou area, I have seen allot of changes over my lifetime. Before 1966 there was very little work in the County of Pictou. With the construction of the pulp mill, it brought economy to the area and has ever since. I was able to begin my lifelong business. â?¢ With 45 employees in the forestry sector we depend on the mill. These are good jobs. â?¢ The effluent t has been going into the strait since its inception. â?¢ Fishery industry has grown T he science in the focus report confirms and insures that there will be next to no environmental impact to the strait or surrounding communities. The proposed Effluent Treatment Facility is a current modern environmentally conscious design to insure wildlife, fish and bird habitats will be protected. The new treatment facility will insure our forest industry, Nova Scotiaâ?Ts Renewable Resource will continue to thrive and grow. We trust you will make the right decision and allow this project to proceed. Battist Trucking Ltd. Established 1966 Name: Email: Address: Municipality: Granton Postal-Code:

From: @hotmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Project: - Choose - Comments: Iâ?Tm a wood producer for SANB ,we need Northern Pulp .
Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address:
Municipality: St Andre Leblanc Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I agree with northern pulps effords on the matter Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Postal-Code: Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 32 y: 23

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: With the combined new effluent treatment facility and pipeline that have been proposed for the Northern Pulp Mil, the footprint of the overall new construction on the physical environment is not insignificant. Both size and thickness of the pipeline have been increased to provide more protection to ground water resources in the watershed area. The focus report notes that fossil fuels will be replaced at the mill by burning a portion of the effluent in the new facility - further reducing GHGs from the mills operations. This is a positive step forward on a project like this, showing how new technology will be used to lessen the overall impact of Northern Plup itself. Both the existing and future effluent outfalls are located in the Northumberland Strait. The future outfall has less potential environmental impact than the existing outfall due to a considerable improvement in mixing conditions. All model parameters regulated in Nova Scotia will meet guidelines. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Brookfeild Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: The area where to proposed pipe line will not have a negative impact on the fishing grounds. There will be a lot less pollution then what we currently have based on what the studies are. The scientist that look in the area have a reputation to up hold and are accountable for any misinformation. Most of the Pipe will be buried and the effluent temperature is less than 1 degree C and will not warm up the Norththumberland Straight. Air quality will be better all good things while people are still working with a lot less impact on the environment. Mill is going to eliminate the use of fossil fuels. We can all still have jobs and reduce or eliminate most of the pollution. Our future depends on the Mill staying open and saving the environment. This proves its possible. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: . Municipality: New Glasgow Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I strongly oppose Northern Pulp dumping anything into our waters , they have already poisoned our air so that pictou co is full of Cancer and lung problems ,now they want to make our beaches polluted ,is nobody in government listening . As a breast cancer survivor and having lost a husband to cancer .you need to stop these people from dong what they want and making the N.S. Taxpayer responsible for the cleanups My family own a cottage right where they want to put their pipes .so no more swimming for the grandkids . Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: New Glasgow Postal-Code:

From: @unifor76.ca
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I have worked in the pulp and paper industry for over forty years and understand the economic impact it has on communities. I work at a mill on the coast of British Columbia and am well aware of the environmental impact a mill can have as part of my job as a lab technician is environmental and compliance testing. We have very stringent regulatory permits we need meet. I believe the new technology that will be in place in the Northern Pulp mill will ensure that mill meets the requirements of the Nova Scotia government. The economic impact of losing this mill would be devastating to the community and the province. Please approve Paper Excellences effluent treatment facility. Name: Email: @unifor76.ca Address: Municipality: Powell River B.C. Postal-Code:

From: @eastlink.ca
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 4:01:33 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Top on the minds of Canadians and folks all over the world is climate change. If Northern Pulp is forced into closure, the Forest Industry of Nova Scotia will take a dramatic hit. Well managed forests aid in the prevention of forest fires. Forest fires emit mass volumes of greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere. Well managed forests aid in the prevention of massive pest outbreaks, killing trees of all ages. When trees die, they fall to the ground and decay. Decaying trees release the carbon stored into the soils and waterways. Harvested trees can be turned into products which store the carbon instead of releasing the carbon into the atmosphere. In summary, a healthy forest industry plays a vital role in climate change management. I strongly support an approval of Northern Pulps Environmental Assessment. Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address: Municipality: Central Onlsow Postal-Code:

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Government of Nova Scotia
Minister of the Environment
Gordon Wilson

November 1, 2019

Dear Minister Wilson:

The undersignedI *oppose* any *further* discharge of effluent from Northern Pulp (Paper Excellence) into the Northumberland Strait.

The pulp mill's effluent over the last fifty years has poisoned Boat Harbour and ruined a beautiful, sustainable and productive environment and home for our First Nations people.

To simply move the discharge from one place to another invites another ecological disaster for our future.

So we join Chief Andrea Paul of the Pictou Landing First Nation, the fishermen's associations from three Maritime provinces bordering the Northumberland Strait, and the Friends of Northumberland Strait in opposition to the new effluent treatment facility.

The mill should close on January 31, 2020. The company, Paper Excellence is owned by a family of Indonesian billionaires so while the mill provides 330 jobs the profits are going outside of Nova Scotia while we have suffered and continue to suffer the environmental degradation.

Also Minister, to ask laypersons to read and understand a 4,000- page technical report of such importance in 37 days is unfair.

Yours Truly,

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November 6, 2019

"Delivered by Hand"

Honourable Gordon Wilson
Minister of Environment
PO Box 442, 1903 Barrington St
Halifax, NS B3J 2P8

Dear Hon.Minister Wilson:

Ref: Intervention Focus Report Northern Pulp

I write to you as a resident of Pictou County from 1960 through to 2015,when we relocated to Halifax, but continuing to still own a Cottage property at on Caribou Island for a period of more than 10 years.
My intervention is driven by the public activity on all sides of the Effluent Treatment method at Boat Harbor and the discussions swirling around the consideration of a different method of dealing with this long festering environmental blight on Nova Scotia and on Pictou County in particular. This issue is NOT a Partisan Political one, it is a People Issue and, in my opinion not one that should be decided on the basis of the 'Power of the Lobbyists' nor the 'Self Interest of the Corporate agenda'.
I wish to pre-empt my specific points and to share with you and the Hon.Stephen MacNeil Government, by a brief outline of my Public involvement on this issue for the express information so as to reinforce the 'people issue' dimension and to articulate why this is so critical to the people of Nova Scotia and Pictou County in particular.
I am former MLA and Minister of Government from 1977 through to 1993 representing the Constituency of Pictou Centre and very familiar with the History surrounding the arrival of Scott Paper in the mid 60's through the efforts of Industrial Estates Ltd. and specifically the roles of
The Late Frank H.Sobey and Robert Manuge who were designated by the R.L.Stanfield Government to seek out industries to locate in Nova Scotia, specifically those areas that were, or were on the verge of becoming
'Economic basket cases' because of industrial dislocation and or termination or severe downturns of their operations in areas such as Pictou County. It cannot be denied that the arrival of Companies such as
Scott Paper and Michelin Tire to name but two of many who were lured here through incentives(some in hindsight would be considered overly generous) but those were different times and different attitudes and to make my point the predominant reaction to the 'obnoxious and undoubtedly unhealthy Scott Paper emissions' was the 'Smell of Money and Jobs'! Translating into high paying jobs and steady employment with a secure future with good benefits of Health plans and retirement benefits previously almost unheard of in that area, It meant employees could build a future for themselves and their families with improved standard of living and further education opportunities for their children. New

houses sprung up like 'mushrooms' and retail businesses flourished and resulting jobs created. The general feeling, with the odd exceptions felt
"We could put up with the Stink from Scott' in exchange for the instant prosperity and hope and confidence for the future that was occurring, and being felt across the community. But let me back up and address the 'incentives offered' to these companies and Specifically again to Scott Paper. Namely, that the 'piece de resistance' offered was the Province assuming responsibility for the Effluent Management system that would be needed. Boat Harbor Lagoon was that result and all that has resulted since to the residents of the immediate area, the First Nations people, and the harm done to the physical environment and to the health off all Pictonians is the Price the People have paid as the incentive to Scott Paper. Hindsight being 20/20 vision it is easier to look in the 'rear view mirror now in 2019 ' and see what could have and should have been done and the technology pursued to prevent what ensued since. All governments of all political stripes, regardless of the best of intentions have made and continue to make errors and mistakes that leave a legacy that has to be dealt with by future generations of Governments, and accept the responsibilities for those wrongs and correct them using modern technologies now available across the world to do so, and where industry and the Environment can coexist for the good of all in a productive, friendly and clean manner. No less is acceptable!

What the broad community of Pictou County and I'm sure many if not all
Nova Scotians want NOT to happen is that another error in judgement or a mistake forms part of the 'solution'! What they do NOT want as well is a 'behind closed doors decision' being made without total and unequivocal transparency ,no matter WHO the 'light of Transparency' shines on. Only You and the Stephen MacNeil Government can assure 'your employers'-The People of Nova Scotia-that you hold and adhere to .that responsibility to the highest degree of Assurance, and in keeping with the fundamental axiom of Democracy as a "Government of the People, by the People, and for the People".
The solution lies totally in your hands and may your decision reflect the
'Will of the People'.

Respectfully,

Halifax

CC: Honourable Stephen McNeil

CC: Sean Fraser, MP Central Nova
MLA's Tim Houston, Pat Dunn and Karla MacFarlane

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Sincerely,

Leaving only bike tracks and memories

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Dear Minister Wilson,

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Dear Minister Wilson,

Although this is a form letter please understand that I am extremely worried about this potential travesty. Please do the right thing...see below!

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This is not a Canadian owned Company but owned by a country which is one of the worlds worst environmental polluters.

Yours Faithfully .

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Also note that I do not live in Pictou but I still support the efforts of residents in that area to demand that the the provincial government protect their environment.

Sincerely,

Bedford, NS

From:
To: Minister, Env; Premier
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Minister Wilson and Premier McNeil,

I am writing today to express my great concern regarding Northern Pulp's plan to continue to dump effluent into the Northumberland Strait. This plan quite clearly risks the viability of the nearby fisheries and infringes on First Nation's sovereignty. It flies in the face of your government's recent attempt to paint itself as environmentally aware.

I am a young individual who grew up in Pictou County. I am ashamed and that our government has let this matter go on for so many years. When will our governments put the health and integrity of its people before profit? When will we see reconciliation for the damage that has been done to Boat Harbour and our First Nation Community?

I am embarrassed when I say I am from Pictou County. I moved away long ago and will never go back.

Permitting such ecosystem degradation is unthinkable. Your government is 2 years away from facing the electorate, and I guarantee that we will hold you accountable for these decisions.

Please take the appropriate steps for our province, and do not permit this multinational corporation to continue to pollute our waters.

Yours sincerely;

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Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia

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Sent from my BlackBerry — the most secure mobile device — via the Bell Network

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Thank you for respecting the environment for our future generations and to stopping the pollution. No environmental mitigation can make polluting the environment acceptable.

Sincerely yours,

Cheticamp, Nova Scotia

Sent from my iPhone

From: @bellaliant.net
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Minister Gordan Wilson,
My name is and I am against effluent from Northern Pulp being pumped into the Northumberland Straight. I fully support the closure of Northern Pulp. This mill has been polluting Northumberland Straight/ the environment for over 50 years. It's time to put a stop to it.
It's insanity to think that 90 million litres of toxic pulp effluent a day will be pumped into the Straight, and it's insanity to think that the Government would even consider this.. It's time to put an end to it!
There are other issues of equal importance at risk, our air, our land, our water, marine life and fragile ecosystems, and the future of our children.
Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

From:	@gmail.com
To:	Minister, Env
Subject:	Northern Pulp
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To: The Honourable Gordon Wilson
Minister of the Environment

Sir

I oppose Northern Pulp's plan to pump effluent, even if treated to the level proposed, into Northumberland Strait. The risk and costs to Nova Scotia's and neighbouring provinces fishing and tourism industries is not worth it.

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It is past time to move towards an environmentally sustainable future.

Halifax, NS B3K 1M2

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To: The Hon. Gordon Wilson, Minister of the Environment, NS

Dear Minister Wilson,

As a Nova Scotia resident and voter who for a number of years has followed with interest and concern the controversies surrounding the Pictou mill, I wish to convey my unreserved opposition to the idea of pumping waste effluent into Strait waters, and in doing so contributing even further to the toxins and pollution already there.

I am well aware of the provision-of-employment driving the current provincial Liberal government as a virtually overriding consideration in its decision making regarding the mill, and as in the case of other provincial governments in the past, the harnessing of controversial and equivocal science to serve the agenda in question.

Please do the right thing, sir, and in doing so prevent as well what will otherwise be the source of vehement and ongoing public controversy and division.

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As an employee / family member of Scotsburn Lumber Ltd. Our mill has been running successfully since we restarted operations in 2012. We currently operate on a two shift basis and process about 90+ MMBF per year. Our operation is vitally dependant on Northern Pulp. Currently, 65% of the studwood we process ends up either as sawmill chips, hogfuel or sawdust and shavings. We sell the product we make at Scotsburn throughout Canada and the United States. If we have no market for our residual products then we will be in a very dire situation. Our industry is very interconnected where each section is critically dependant on the other for material for success. The loss of the largest pulpmill in the province that currently purchases over 90% of the sawmill chips would be a devastating blow to our industry..... one that would be difficult if not impossible to overcome. The vast majority of studwood that our sawmill uses comes from private land in Nova Scotia. If there is little or no market for studwood and pulpwood in the province then the 60,000+ landowners will be negatively impacted by this decision.

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We all want Boat Harbour restored to its natural state. We need the government of N.S. to keep the commitment to clean up this area, at the same time allow Northern Pulp the time to construct their new ETF facility before clean up begins. Failure to do so will cause irreparable damage to the forest industry as a whole in N.S.

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Since Paper Excellence purchased Northern Pulp in 2011 numerous improvements have been made to the facility to improve air particulate, effluent and odour. As shown in benchmarking section of the Focus Report Northern pulp is currently and average to above average mill when compared to other Kraft pulp mills currently operating in all other jurisdictions in Canada. The new proposed facility will only improve on these statistics.

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Stop the pollution! Shut down now and begin cleaning up the surrounding environment. A rich water resource is now soiled and no longer usable for recreation or traditional indigenous uses and this is unacceptable. Name: Email: @dal.ca Address: Municipality: Halifax Postal-Code:

From: Minister, Env
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: FW: Northern Pulp Toxicity for Far Too Long
Date: November 7, 2019 4:09:44 PM

From: @smu.ca>
Sent: November 5, 2019 3:56 PM
To: Minister, Env <Minister.Environment@novascotia.ca>
Subject: Northern Pulp Toxicity for Far Too Long

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Dear Minister Wilson,
Please stop allowing the dumping of effluent from Northern Pulp into the Northumberland Strait.
This irresponsible behaviour has gone on for far too long.
Please step up and show some authentic and meaningful action towards environmental protection.
Thank you and regards,

Halifax, NS

From: @atholforestry.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 4:12:17 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: As a Registered Professional Forester working with private woodlot owners in Northern Nova Scotia,I am writing to you in support of the proposed new effluent treatment facility for Northern Pulp Limited. The report submitted identifies no unjustifiable risks to the environment or fishery. Conversely, the loss of this facility would be a loss of a necessary tool for restorative, ecological forestry practices professed in the Lahey Report. Practices that will help our forests adapt to the challenges of climate change, societal demands for raw materials, rural economic development, and recreational access and aesthetics. Properly regulated and managed resource industries are the key to revitalizing our rural economy, as in the Woodbridge report, and with the directed help of forest professionals, can be made partners in restoring the ecology of our Acadian Forests for future generations. Name: Email: @atholforestry.com Address: C/o Athol Forestry Cooperative Ltd. Municipality: Amherst Postal-Code:

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Protect our Northumberland Strait waters!
Date: November 7, 2019 4:18:43 PM

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I am more and more dismayed when I read about the future plans for effluent treatment from the Northern Pulp Mill in Abercrombie, NS.

For years Nova Scotians, especially the First Nations people, have had to tolerate the significant ongoing pollution of Boat Harbour. What used to be a pristine waterway with cottages and a beach, is a toxic polluted waterway.

I remember visiting Boat Harbour not long after the settling ponds became operational. You cannot describe the stench of red foamy water let alone imagine the ensuing damage to the surrounding waterways - and this was in the 1960's.

Now the mill is proposing to release so called "treated" water out into prime fishing and tourism areas. This is unconscionable!

I grew up in Pictou County and continue to reside there in the summers. I cannot image the environmental disaster that this ill conceived plan will cause to the tourism, fishing, and other related industries, not only in Pictou County but also to the Northumberland Strait areas of NS, PEI, and New Brunswick.

A succession of mill owners have continued to support this toxic operation for over 50 years. I know that jobs in Pictou County, and in Nova Scotia in general, are precious. I realize that closing the mill will result in job loss at both the mill and its supporting industries such as logging, woodlots, etc. But do we sacrifice our precious waters, and the industries dependent on them, for these jobs?

Before any possible discussion of the mill's current proposal goes ahead, a Federal Government assessment, at a minimum, is needed to protect this indispensable, beautiful, complex Northumberland Strait.

Yours truly,

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From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 4:24:08 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: It is with great concern that I share my opinion on the Northern Pulp replacement effluent treatment facility project and support the deadline extension that has been requested. Northern Pulp receives wood chip waste products from many saw mills around Nova Scotia and without them we could see the closure of both small and large mills across Nova Scotia. These closures will have a domino effect with harvesters and truck drivers also becoming unemployed. Can Nova Scotia really afford to have all these men and women suddenly employed? Do we really want to import lumber and paper products from other provinces in a time where you the government is pushing for residents to produce and buy locally? Northern Pulp is not asking you to ignore the problem they are requesting an extension on the deadline so they can do what is right. Remember: NOVA SCOTIA NEEDS FORESTY Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Chelsea Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 4:27:11 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: It amazes me that this government continues to support corporate profits at the detriment of its own citizens. The people living in the Boat Harbour area deserve a healthy quality of life. Our natural resources are being depleted with little benefit to Nova Scotians. In fact irreparable damage is being caused that affects both the health of our environment and thus the health of our communities. For once, would the McNeil government surprise us all and do the right thing. Name:
Email: @gmail.com Address:
Municipality: Sable river Postal-Code:

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 4:30:40 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Seriously you want to dump toxic waste by our Pictou fishing wharf and the ferry carrying tourists to our Garden of the Gulf. I donâ?Tt care if it is 1 toxic waste within 20 feet of the pipe. NO PIPE IN THE STRAIT Name: Email: Address: Municipality: Red Point Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 4:34:16 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I oppose Northern Pulp`s plan to pump effluent into the Strait. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: BEDFORD Postal-Code:

From: @yahoo.ca
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 4:34:18 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: It is hard to wrap your mind around , that in 2019 anyone believes that dumping waste of any kind in the ocean is OKAY. If the government of Nova Scotia our ocean playground province rubber stamps this proposal from Northern Pulp we will forever change our beautiful ocean and a day at the provincial Caribou beach will be memory. Please stop to consider the lives that this pollution will effect. We know better 50 years later. Boat Harbour was a travesty. It will take millions to cleanup. How will we clean our ocean? Name: Email: @yahoo.ca Address: Municipality: Westville Postal-Code:

From: r@yahoo.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 4:36:20 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: If what you say is true, then go out in the Strait and scoop up a pot of this water and go home and cook your lobster with it. if there are any lobster left . NO PIPE IN THE STRAIT. Name: Email: @yahoo.com Address: Municipality: Red Point PEI Postal-Code:

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: NPMill and EA
Date: November 7, 2019 4:36:43 PM

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Boat Harbour has been legislated to close January 31, 2020, in accordance with treaty rights for the Pictou Landing First Nations. This is a law and the Premier and his government must stick to this. It is not fair to put this pressure on the PLFN. NP had plenty of time to come up with a viable plan but thought NS was bluffing and waited. Only when they realized that NS was not bluffing did they panic and come up with a ludicrous plan to dump the effluent straight into the strait.

Northern Pulp has threathened to close if not granted an extension, but they will not take the blame for the closure, even though they failed to do their own due diligence in a timely fashion. This is on them - the pollution, the job loss, the corporate greed ahead of all else.

I do not envy the NS politicians: they are i a lose-lose situation. There is no way to make everyone happy, but please have a backbone and be on the right side of history! Proudly state, Mr. MAcNeil, that though all other parties who have formed governments since the early 1960s, you and your Liberals will take care of the land, air and water! Morally and legally you are obligated to uphold the laws that were passed to protect the health of the people of Pictou County; to protect our fisheries; our Indigenous peoples and their treaty rights; and our forests.

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To: Environment Assessment Web Account

Subject: Proposed Project Comments

Date: November 7, 2019 4:47:28 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I support the EFT and after reviewing reports feel that it meets environmental standards. Itâ?Ts also a very important economic progression for the province. Name: Email:
Address: Municipality: Moncton Postal-Code:

From: @northernpulp.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 4:49:36 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I support an approval of Northern Pulps Environmental Assessment. Many independent consultants were used to gather, analyze and compile the data contained in the focus report submitted to the Department of the Environment. Trust the science. The new technologies used will lessen Northern Pulps overall environmental footprint. I believe that forestry, agriculture, fisheries and mining can all co-exist. The environment is very important but so is the economy. Name:
Email: @northernpulp.com Address:
Municipality: Debert Postal-Code:

From: @groupesavoie.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 4:51:25 PM

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Project: - Choose - Comments: Mr Premier, I know you have promised not to give Northern pulp an extension for the completion of their water treatment plant. There has to be a way for you and your government to find a compromise and accept the inevitable consequences of your refusal. I cannot imagine the hardship this decision will cause to hundreds of families, including the 40 or so working for us in Westville. This will be a mortal blow for our efforts in keeping the mill alive. Without Northern Pulp I donâ?Tt see how we will be able to keep going. Closing a mill because of economic conditions is understandable, but closing because of a political promise is not so easy to understand. I understand the pressure you are receiving from many organisations but think about those who will loose their jobs ! Hoping reason will prevail. Name: Email: @groupesavoie.com Address: Municipality: St Quentin NB Postal-Code:

From: @unifor.org
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 4:57:15 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: We must keep the forestry sector thriving and operating at full capacity, in Nova Scotia. The science clearly points to this and we require your approval. This industry is the heart of the economy providing good full time employment for these workers, a good living for their families, its the backbone of the community and significant tax revenue for the social services that are desperately needed. I urge you to follow the recommendations in Unifors Submission by on October 31, 2019. Do the right thing, approve the Replacement of the Effluent Treatment Facility Project! It is the right decision for our members, the broader forestry sector, all stakeholders and rights holders, and the province of Nova Scotia. Name: Email: @unifor.org Address: Municipality: Kitchener Postal-Code:

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 5:00:54 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I am writing you today to express how important that this replacement facility will be and how this improvement will support more than 2,700 jobs in the forestry sector right across the province. Without this new facility, the mill will be forced to close. I am deploring you to do the right thing. Name: Email: Address: : Windsor Postal-Code:

From: @freemanlumber.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 5:07:50 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I agree with allowing Northern Pulp the time to complete the replacement for the governments boat harbour plant. This plant has been here for many years and there is coexisting fishery in the area.an improved plant with better dispersement will be a huge improvement. The government needs to be Stable when working with industry to ensure environmental concerns are addressed but with a workable time line. If we have any concern on whether they will complete the project. We can have Northern Pulp give the money in trust to the government for the project until work is started. Name: Email: @freemanlumber.com Address: Municipality: Lunenburg county Postal-Code:

From: icloud.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Mr Gordon Wilson, I believe the proposed Effluent Treatment System and Pipe should be required to undergo a Federal assessment before being placed in the Strait. As a Pictou Country resident raising my children here, I want the province to put value in our health over wealth, knowing full well the implications of losing the Mill on our economy. I believe it is time to diversify. Our environment and our children deserve more, they deserve clean air and waters. Name: Email: @icloud.com Address: Municipality: Durham Postal-Code:

From: @hotmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: The closure of this facility would effect NS is a very negative way. Restaurant, shops, logging industrys dealerships, malls and many other retailers are scared with the uncertainty of the outcome. The decision should be based on the science surrounding this issue. Please make the right decision for all of NS. Thank you. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Postal-Code: Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 50 y: 24

From: Environment
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 5:20:01 PM

Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: If Northern Pulp passes the environmental assessment there is no reason not to complete the project. Name:
Email: Address: Municipality: Enfield,NS Postal-Code: B2T 1H1 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 76 y: 34

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Hello, I would like to provide my support for Northern Pulps new Effluent Treatment facility. I feel that the 3rd party environmental experts conclusions that ocean water quality within 5 meters of the diffuser meets Canadian marine guidelines is evidence that harm to the Strait and fisheries will not occur. Northern Pulps decision to use a thicker pipe than is required, along with an automated leak detection system, provides additional comfort. Nova Scotias forestry industry needs Northern Pulp to continue operating the economic harm to employees, suppliers, others in the forestry sector and the economy of rural Nova Scotia will be deep. The future of the forestry industry in Nova Scotia depends on an integrated set of participants - to remove Northern Pulp from the equation will have long reaching impacts. My opinion is that the Nova Scotia government should approve the Environment Assessment regarding Northern Pulps proposed wastewater treatment facility. Name: Email:
Address: Municipality: Halifax Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: politics and emotion are getting in the way of common sense. its obvious the facility should be built and Northern Pulp should be granted an extension so they can responsibly install it. anyway you look at this through unbiased eyes points to this conclusion. save the mill, grant the extension, lets put this behind us. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address:
Municipality: Pictou Postal-Code:

From: @hotmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Fully support the new treatment facility and to proposed effluent pipeline, the continued operation of Northen Pulp, and all its spinoff industries is vital to the NS economy Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Scotsburn Postal-Code: B0K 1R0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 55 y: 18

From: @live.ca
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I support the proposed treatment facility and pipeline. Foresty, saw mmills , Northen Pulp and all their spinoff industries are vital to the nova scotia economy. Email: @live.ca Address: Municipality: Scotsburn Postal-Code: B0K 1R0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 51 y: 27

From: @gmail.com
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I think this environmental assessment should be approved. The facts presented indicate that Northern Pulp is an average pulp mill in terms of environmental impact, and that this effluent treatment plan will be an improvement over the current one. It currently puts treated effluent into the Northumberland Strait via Boat Harbour, and with the new effluent treatment plant it will put treated effluent further out into the Northumberland Strait. Logic would dictate that an average pulp mill that has a plan for improvement should be approved to do so. If not, then what happens to the below average pulp mills across Canada? This has been a heated topic in the county for several years now, and it has devolved into unsubstantiated and often ridiculous accusations against the mill. The anti-mill groups are very vocal about pollution but say little to nothing about reducing pulp consumption in other words, they want their paper products, but dont want any of it produced in their backyard. This is ludicrous. The forestry industry provides a multitude of products that make life easier, and the products break down quickly after use. The fishery industry provides us with delicious seafood. Both make use of Canadas natural resources, and with this plan they can continue to do so in harmony. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Pictou Postal-Code:

From: @hotmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Fully support the proposed treatment plant and pipeline. Northern pulp, forestry, and attached businesses are very important to the NS economy. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Scotsburn Postal-Code: B0K 1R0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 50 y: 24

From: _____@gmail.com
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I absolutely do support this project. It has been stated many times that we on the North Shore of Nova Scotia have the finest lobsters and other fish in the North Atlantic with the old system in place now thats without having this new wastewater treatment facility. So with the new system in place the environment will be much better. The people of Nova Scotia need to have this system built ASAP. Thank you Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Hopewell Postal-Code: B0K 1C0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 79 y: 28

From: _____@hotmail.com
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I have worked in the forestry industry for 20 years as a nursery worker for a small family owned company Scott and Stewart Forestry. I fully support the new treatment facility proposal. Anyone in the industry knows, closing this facility will have an economic affect on more than those who directly work in the industry. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Antigonish Postal-Code:

From: @bellaliant.net
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Allow the Treatment Facility Project to be built. There should be enough smart people to work this out. Plenty of Pulp mills across this country that works hand in hand with the community. The closure is a no win situation for this province. Name: Email: @bellaliant.net Address: Municipality: Westville Postal-Code: B0K 2A0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 63 y: 23

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To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: We are a small forestry company who employes 11 employees and we do not want the mill to close. Our families depend on the forestry industry for our livelihood and maintaining our ability to remain in Nova Scotia. Your support in keeping our business viable is of utmost importance to us all. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address:
Municipality: Middle Musquodoboit Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Is there a list of ingredients in the report that will be going into the Northumberland Straight or that will be present in the air emissions? If so can you please advise me to where I can find this? My family will be effected financially if the pulp mill closes , but there comes a point where we have to say is it worth the risk of our community health land sea and each individual.No it is not, how can we proceed with business as usual when we see how the people of pictou landing have been left to suffer after being mislead of the impact of the treatment of effluent would have on their land. I totally understand the loss of jobs and the impact this will have on our community or maybe I really donâ?Tt understand how our community will look if the pipe does not go in. But I do not see to many seniors walking around in the grocery stores in my community. Health over money! I sincerely hope the N S government considers the people of our community when this decision is m ade. If we do not know the results of piping the waste water of a pulp mill into our waste with certainty then how can we do it because the results of the last treatment facility had devastating results. If it really is a good as it seems letâ?Ts have an objective third party look at the assessment and speak to itâ?Ts credibility. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Lyons brook Postal-Code: B0K 1 H0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 68 y: 20

From: @bellaliant.net
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: This area needs Northern Pulp economically but we also need to protect our environment as well. I believe there is a solution to both issues. Name: Email: @bellaliant.net Address: Municipality: Westville Postal-Code: B0k2a0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 53 y: 16

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: As a kid I used to say my teeth were made of wood. I was proud that both my parents worked at the big pulp and paper mill in Crofton, BC and I knew that the mills union dental plan gave me good teeth. The Crofton mill enjoys a modern effluent plant and continues to mean everything to to my hometown as it has allowed my family and thousands of others to live a full and meaningful life. This is exact same story found in hundreds of family homes surrounding Northern Pulp in Pictou. These mills make more than world-class forestry products, they produce good families and communities. Their residual taxes pay for Nova Scotias fine schools, hospitals AND environmental programs. And that is the chief point that the Ministry of Environment needs to consider in its deliberations about this treatment project: what kind of future does it want for Nova Scotia? Does it want a fair and balanced economy that sees a real humanity as part of it future or does it want to cease all production of everything? This Ministry can strike the right balance and to do so it must support the new effluent treatment project. Name:
Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Toronto Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I have worked in the forestry industry for more than 30 years, I have a small forestry business and have employed more than 100 people over the years, Nova Scotia needs forestry to support its continued growth and development. Please dont let us and our families down, we need the mill to stay open. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Middle Musquodoboit Postal-Code:

From: @msn.com
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: there is not enough studies done to show it is safe. This company has lied and manipulated us for years. Dont let them destroy our Staight Name: Email: @msn.com Address: Municipality: Trenton Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I do not - in any way, shape or form, support the millâ?Ts proposal to pump effluent into the Strait. Pictou County is in due need of innovative strategies which aim to create jobs and sustain the community based on more environmentally thoughtful economies. If more effort had been put into these strategies in recent history, the community wouldnâ?Tt now be in the position to feel they need to sacrifice their environment to support their families. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Pictou Island Postal-Code:

From: @stfx.ca
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: To whom it may concern: It concerns everyone, because it concerns the ocean. It concerns everyone in Nova Scotia, and everyone in Mikmaki because were all being Treaty People, and because of Boat Harbour and a terrible legacy of environmental racism, and because of the wisdom of carefully considering the next seven generations. Industry should be required to change the way it uses water everywhere in the world. Government and industry can work together to do better, instead of asking people to expect less. How long will our province pay for the pollution thats already been profited on? The health of people, water, land, and air should never have been for sale. Thanks Name: Email: @stfx.ca Address: . Municipality: Valley Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I donâ?Tt agree with that the strait his not place for pipe because over time all that effluent will make his was to shore over time and it will damage the fishing grounds . The fishing and the water his not place to dump there chemicals all they care for them self no body else please stop that . Because there not enough test done to prove itâ?Ts safe you can do this in that short time that only there saying from the people that work for them to make sure they get the pipe in the strait . Itâ?Ts not right to much to loose please donâ?Tt grant the project Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: New Glasgow Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: concerned fisher and costal resident... my growing family and i have not been convinced by the studies that the pipe will not harm the ocean. We swim and fish in the waters not far from the outfall and i do not want to see any more pollution enter our waters itâ?Ts almost 2020 it must stop now. I have worked at boat harbour on the earlier stages of the clean up and i have one word to explain it SHAMEFUL we can not allow that to happen to the strait... we wonâ?Tt be able to clean that up let me tell ya. 2 options in my eyes #1 closed loop #2 closed mill Name:
Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: knoydart Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I am writing this letter in regards to the Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility if the Mill needs a year extension it should be given to them this mill put food on my table and my familyâ?Ts table and has given me work along with a lot of people of this Province. And with out this mill I think it will be what kills this province. But in saying this if the mill is granted a extension for a year or year and a half and they donâ?Tt get what needs to be done. Then there is no more extensions given. Thank you for the ability to say what I was to say about this. Name:
Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Westville Postal-Code:

From: _____@gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: As a cottage owner on the Northumberland Strait I feel reassured that 3rd party experts indicate that no significant adverse residual environmental impacts have been predicted for this projects construction or future operation. Also, that the discharge location for the outfall was selected where there is good mixing due to currents. I am in favor of this project. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: NS Municipality: Valley Postal-Code:

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: from re. NP EFT Focus Report
Date: November 7, 2019 6:22:48 PM

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Environmental Assessment Branch
Nova Scotia Environment
PO Box 442
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3J 2P8

To the Minister of the Environment,

I am writing to respond to Northern Pulp's Focus report required by the N.S. Department of the Environment in response to their application to build a replacement effluent treatment facility. Fundamentally, the trust between the public and Northern Pulp is broken. Nothing in this snowjob of a Focus Report and NP's blatant effort to manipulate the timeline to force an extension of the Boat Harbour Act convinces me that they have earned the right to public trust (and public funds) after more than 50 years of environmental racism and destruction of the natural environment.

My family have owned cottages at Moodie Cove for over one hundred years. We share this cove, and the beautiful Lighthouse Beach, with the Pictou Landing First Nation. We, like the PLFN, have suffered from the air emissions and water pollution coming from Northern Pulp and Boat Harbour for over 50 years. As successive generations of children have come to play at the beach, we have noted, even in our small cove, the effects of eutrophication and warming in the Strait. There is less biodiversity: the tidal pools are empty of creatures. The mud is black and oozing at low tide, and the shellfish are dead near the tide lines. There are fewer fish. It is clear that Northern Pulp, and its predecessors, Scott Paper and Kimberley Clark, have poisoned this place, its people, and all its living creatures. It is a beautiful place, but it is blighted.

Northern Pulp's current effluent pipe has leaked at least twice since 2014. It was this first leak, and the spillage of over 47 million litres of effluent onto the sacred burial grounds of the PLFN that precipitated the signing of the Boat Harbour Act. Northern

Pulp, despite previous legislation and regulations that should have forced them to monitor their equipment with the utmost diligence and meticulousness, failed to discover their own failure. And even more stringent requirements four years later did not produce any better effects: a neighbour, walking their dog, discovered that the current pipeline had leaked yet again.

Surprisingly, no official government reports are available to let the public know the amount, and the damage resulting from, October 2018's effluent spill. It is a matter of grave concern that this file remains inaccessible to the public at such a crucial time, when we all need to scrutinize Northern Pulp's record and consider its future. Should Northern Pulp carry out its plan to place an even more contentious and unwanted pipe along the #106 and out into Caribou Harbour, I fear that such a pipe would not only be subject to the poor maintenance record of its own corporation, but also to potential sabotage from angry citizens. How safe is a pipe, either overland or underwater, when so many cannot countenance its presence in their community and over their watershed? Nothing in the Focus Report assures me these concerns are adequately addressed.

Speaking of lack of trust, and lack of public input, this very process I am attempting today is indicative of NP's efforts to snow under any attempt at public involvement and consultation. This 2500 page Focus Report proposal was dumped on the general public with less than 50 days to comment. How can external, peer-reviewed studies be mounted in such a short amount of time? How can the public find time, and expertise, needed to comment effectively? We cannot. We should have the right to contact independent experts, rally legal advice and translate this very challenging package of documents. The time frame has not allowed this.

In my previous letter responding to the EA, I expressed concern that the proposal estimates that the temperature of the effluent exiting into the Strait via the pipe could be up to 37 degrees in the summer and 23 degrees in the winter. The current modelling accounts for an area of dispersal, and estimates that the temperature changes could be negligible in a wider area beyond the pipe. However, recent media reports brought forth research that demonstrates that there are marine heatwaves sweeping through the world's oceans as a result of rapidly accelerating climate change.

According to an article in The Guardian from March 4, 2019, "Global warming is gradually increasing the average temperature of the oceans, but the new research is the first systematic global analysis of ocean heatwaves, when temperatures reach extremes for five days or more." In addition, the article states that "The scientists compared the areas where heat waves have increased most with those areas harbouring rich biodiversity of species already near their temperature limit and those

where additional stresses, such as pollution or overfishing, already occur. This revealed hotspots of harm from the north-east Atlantic to the Caribbean to the western Pacific.” Ocean systems are increasingly battered by multiple stressors. There will be no remediating the whole Strait if this EFT proposal and Focus Report’s predictions are wrong.

The double-barreled punch of a high nutrient load along with higher temperatures will be absolutely devastating for the Strait. Boat Harbour currently buffers these stressors by lowering the temperature of the pollutants and removing a great deal of the solid biomass. With current ocean research demonstrating that our waters cannot adjust, cannot adapt and are indeed suffering much like our forests are with the effects of climate change, how can we justify adding up to 90 million litres of effluent per day into an already-stressed ecosystem?

I cannot find any modeling in the response to the TOR that indicates climate change and warming ocean currents have been taken into account in future modeling. It won’t be “business as usual” in the Strait, even in the coming decade. I cannot imagine the dead zone we will create in 20-30 years time with the toxic combination of effluent AND warming oceans.

Please be reminded that the Federal Government published a document entitled "A Framework for the Application of Precaution in Science-based Decision Making about Risk" [Privy Council Office (PCO), 2003]. This paper addresses the application of precaution in its various forms - "precaution", "the Precautionary Principle" or "the precautionary approach" - all of which have three basic components: the need for a decision; a risk of serious or irreversible harm; and a lack of full scientific certainty. This guiding document requires that precaution must preside over all decision phases. Precaution must be clearly linked to scientific analysis, and cannot be applied without an appropriate amount of assessment of scientific factors and consequent risks.

The 1999 Canadian Environmental Protection Act entrenches the "precautionary principle" in its preamble, where it recognizes that the "Government of Canada is committed to implementing the precautionary principle. Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation." In addition, section 76.1 of CEPA 1999 specifically directs the Ministers to apply a weight-of-evidence approach and the precautionary principle when conducting and interpreting the results of assessments of existing substances. We do not even know for certain, based on the EA proposal at hand, what these “existing substances” are, or in what quantities they might exist.

The government's precautionary principle must supersede any social, ethical or even political or economic considerations. We can no longer afford to allow the economy to trump our fragile environment. We must, above all, apply caution first.

My greatest concern about the Focus Report can be narrowed down to one missing document. The terms of reference for this Focus Report demanded by the Dept. of the Environment were not a list of suggestions. They were requirements. Each one would need to be met, scrutinized, and deemed acceptable by the department. Missing from this Focus Report is a MEKS, as outlined in: Section 11. INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S USE OF LAND AND RESOURCES 11.1 Complete a Mi'kmaq Ecological Knowledge Study (MEKS) for the Project. If any reports have been submitted, where are they? How can we access them? If they were completed earlier, could they not have been re-submitted with this Appendix? But if they were submitted earlier, why did the TOR demand them this time around?

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Despite fifty years of broken promises, and the loss of their beloved A'se'k, PLFN have returned time and again to the bargaining table with the provincial government to hammer out a plan for the eventual remediation and return of Boat Harbour. To even consider re-opening the legislated closure of Boat Harbour would be a crime of historic proportions. Your government will go down in infamy as racists and liars. PLFN must not be faced with another day of environmental racism and the sickening knowledge that their health, their lands and waters, their history and their future matter so much less than Northern Pulp's corporate bottom line.
Sincerely,

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Environmental Assessment Branch Nova Scotia Environment PO Box 442 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2P8 To the Minister of the Environment, I am writing to respond to Northern Pulpâ?Ts Focus report required by the N.S. Department of the Environment in response to their application to build a replacement effluent treatment facility. Fundamentally, the trust between the public and Northern Pulp is broken. Nothing in this snowjob of a Focus Report and NPâ?Ts blatant effort to manipulate the timeline to force an extension of the Boat Harbour Act convinces me that they have earned the right to public trust and public funds after more than 50 years of environmental racism and destruction of the natural environment. My family have owned cottages at Moodie Cove for over one hundred years. We share this cove, and the beautiful Lighthouse Beach, with the Pictou Landing First Nation. We, like the PLFN, have suffered from the air emissions and water pollution coming from Northern Pulp and Boat Harbour for over 50 years. As successive generations of children have come to play at the beach, we have noted, even in our small cove, the effects of eutrophication and warming in the Strait. There is less biodiversity: the tidal pools are empty of creatures. The mud is black and oozing at low tide, and the shellfish are dead near the tide lines. There are fewer fish. It is clear that Northern Pulp, and its predecessors, Scott Paper and Kimberley Clark, have poisoned this place, its people, and all its living creatures. It is a beautiful place, but it is blighted. Northern Pulpâ?Ts current effluent pipe has leaked at least twice since 2014. It was this first leak, and the spillage of over 47 million litres of effluent onto the sacred burial grounds of the PLFN that precipitated the signing of the Boat Harbour Act. Northern Pulp, despite previous legislation and regulations that should have forced them to monitor their equipment with the utmost diligence and meticulousness, failed to discover their own failure. And even more stringent requirements four years later did not produce any better effects: a neighbour, walking their dog, discovered that the current pipeline had leaked yet again. Surprisingly, no official government reports are available to let the public know the amount, and the damage resulting from, October 2018â?Ts effluent spill. It is a matter of grave concern that this file remains inaccessible to the public at such a crucial time, when we all need to scrutinize Northern Pulpâ?Ts record and consider its future. Should Northern Pulp carry out its plan to place an even more contentious and unwanted pipe along the #106 and out into Caribou Harbour, I fear that such a pipe would not only be subject to the poor maintenance record of its own corporation, but also to potential sabotage from angry citizens. How safe is a pipe, either overland or underwater, when so many cannot countenance its presence in their community and over their watershed? Nothing in the Focus Report assures me these concerns are adequately addressed. Speaking of lack of trust, and lack of public input, this very process I am attempting today is indicative of NPâ?Ts efforts to snow under any attempt at public involvement and consultation. This 2500 page Focus Report proposal was dumped on the general public with less than 50 days to comment. How can external, peer-reviewed studies be mounted in such a short amount of time? How can the public find time, and expertise, needed to comment effectively? We cannot. We should have the right to contact independent experts,

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: It was good to learn that effluent from the new treatment system would meet current regulations in every province in Canada as well as the more stringent federal pulp and paper limits being proposed. Modeling predicts greater than 100 times dilution in less than 2 meters from the outfall and winter ice cover will not greatly affect the dilutions ratios compared to open water. I am in favour of this project. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: NS Municipality: Valley Postal-Code:

From: @hotmail.com
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: It seems clear based on the scientific data collected that effluent from the new facility will have no adverse effect on the fishery on the Northumberland Strait and that the mill can continue to operate without impacting the fishery. And sightings of marine animals were rare and not found in any abundance in the footprint of the pipeline. I am in favour of this project. Name:
Email: @hotmail.com Address: NS
Municipality: Valley Postal-Code:

From: @eastlink.ca
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I am proud of our forest industry. The forestry, fishing, mining and agriculture industries have demonstrated they can work together successfully. I believe in the science. Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address: Municipality: Central Onslow Postal-Code: B6L 5M2 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 39 y: 20

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I feel reassured that effluent solids will not build up at the outfall, even during slack tides and the solids are highly biodegradable and will become a food source for marine organisms. It is also nice to hear that the effluent will not be visible at the waterâ?Ts surface. I am in favour of this project. Name:
Email: @hotmail.com Address:
Municipality: Valley Postal-Code:

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Northern pulp
Date: November 7, 2019 6:34:23 PM

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After reading a lot of information on the environmental impact study and other mills that have their treated effluent drain into large bodies of water I feel that the scientific information and the government know what they are doing to make the right decision.
My husband has worked in forestry most of his life. He presently works at a local sawmill.
His work depends on the mill running to keep the sawmill going. The mill is a large employer of high paying jobs in Pictou County. If the mill was to close we would suffer economically and in many other ways. We would lose highly skilled workers and their families who's spouses are working here too. The trickledown effect would hurt the county greatly.
Thank you

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: The location chosen for the outfall was much deeper than any ice scour found in the area and will be buried up to 3 meters deep to further protect it. And portions of the pipeline will have a leak detection system. I am in favour of this project. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Upper Onslow Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I agree with everything needs to be done to keep the mill and workers working not loosing their jobs..it takes time to make things right,people do not need to have the mill closed,jobs are important,,familys rely on things to stay as they are,,change can happen,just takes time !!! Name: Email: @outlook.com Address: Municipality: Liverpool Postal-Code:

From:	admin@bglombard.ca
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: The forestry consists of 75 of the yearly revenue of this company and any or all disruption of this work would be devastating to our company and our employees. Name: B G Lombard Ltd. Email: admin@bglombard.ca Address: \ Municipality: Saulnierville Postal-Code:

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Comments on Northern Pulp"s Environmental Assessment Request
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I believe that the type of effluent treatment system (Activated Sludge Treatment or AST) that Northern Pulp is proposing to utilize to treat its effluent prior to dumping it into the Northumberland Strait is NOT going to be effective enough to protect this sensitive area. This area is host to a very productive and diverse ecosystem that consists of a rich fishing ground that provides a very lucrative fishery. Unfortunately the area is already in trouble, according to a DFO study commissioned more than a decade ago. Many threats exist, including rising water temperatures, rising water levels and pollution from agricultural runoff, existing effluent from Northern Pulp, and municipal waste. Northern Pulp's request to pipe an enormous increase of effluent into the Strait may completely destroy this already fragile system. In fact, their Focus report admits that the placement of the pipeline outfall diffuser was chosen so as to minimize the impact in active fishing areas. I do not believe that simply "minimizing the impact" is sufficient - I believe there should be ABSOLUTELY NO IMPACT to the active fishing areas.

There is another treatment system available for treating bleached kraft pulp mill effluent - it is called a "closed loop system" and miraculously, it results in providing NO effluent! Although officials from Northern Pulp have claimed that this type of system would not be feasible for their kraft mill, an article in the November 2017 edition of the Halifax Examiner (https://www.halifaxexaminer.ca/province-house/dirty-dealing/#Coming%20Clean) says otherwise. It describes a quote from an industry expert in a 1994 edition of Pulp and Paper Magazine. He stated that all the problems that arose from the Great Lakes Paper Company's attempts to install a zero effluent system in their kraft mill in the mid 1970s would be salvageable with today's knowledge and technology. Another industry insider is quoted as claiming that "there are a whole host of upgrades that could be done at Northern Pulp to drastically reduce the solids output, the chemical output, and the effect on the environment" and that it "could have been done 30 years ago." Yes it would be expensive, but how much are the fishing industry and the tourism industries worth?

The company's Focus Report claims that environmental monitoring will be conducted, however, Northern Pulp doesn't *exactly* have a stellar history of performing this activity in the past... There are several documented cases of the company operating faulty equipment and breaching government regulations - each of which resulted in environmental damage. So then, how can it be trusted to construct and monitor environmental controls? The extremely sensitive Northumberland Strait is NO PLACE to allow a company of this ilk to dump its toxins.

Regardless of the government's decision in this matter - there is one path which ABSOLUTELY MUST NOT BE TAKEN - that is to extend the deadline for closing Boat Harbour. To do this would be completely unconscionable and utterly inhumane. The inhabitants at Pictou Landing First Nation have suffered horribly for decades and

this absolutely must not be permitted to continue!

Sincerely,

Cole Harbour, NS

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: As Nova Scotian`s we should take comfort in the fact that the focus report details information on the proposed, on-going air monitoring program for the future of the new effluent treatment facility. Also as Nova Scotianâ?Ts we should learn to embrace projects that are good for our economy, that will help pay taxes for our health care, our highways and everything else we need. I am in favour of this project. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Valley Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Northern Pulps proposal is inadequate is so many respects: technically, ecologically, public health-wise and with respect to Indigenous peopleâ?Ts rights. Pumping endless effluent into our waters by an uncaring foreign corporation simply cannot be allowed to proceed. This sloppy and murky proposal has been critiqued severely by scientists who know what they are talking about. Itâ? Ts time to put peoples health and the environment ahead of Northern Pulps deceptiveness of which this proposal is an example. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Halifax Postal-Code: B2y3c2 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 49 y: 27

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: You have to save 230 good paying job in this community. If you allow these jobs to disappear it will devastate many families and the entire community. This community will be a ghost town. Save the jobs Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Windsor Postal-Code: N8n0a3 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 78 y: 29

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: · Northerrn Pulp has not met the terms of reference for the report · They have not provided data to prove that project can be done safely on almost every key point NP has not provided concrete plan on what will be done, no definite pipe route, no leak detection on marine portion of pipe, no specified leak detection for on-land pipe, just options · Many factual errors, including on simple points like where fish are located and where people fish · Risks of treated pulp effluent to marine environments are well recognized · Importance of fishing industry to communities and provincial economy · Ask Minister to reject project Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Halifax Postal-Code: B3K2E2 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 60 y: 30

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Honourable Minister Wilson,

Thank you very much for engaging public and listening to what Nova Scotians have to say about Northern Pulp's Focus Report. I've never been a fan of the Pulp Mill, but I went into reading the Focus Report with an open mind hoping it would put my concerns at ease. After all, it would be great if mill workers and forestry people could keep their jobs without negatively impacting the environment and the Pictou Landing First Nation (PLFN) people. Unfortunately, after much reading and consideration, I don't think that's possible. I encourage you to please reject the proposed replacement effluent treatment facility project. Here's why.

My two biggest concerns are the impacts this project will have on (i) the environment and (ii) the PLFN people. There's no two ways about it, the PLFN people have had a hard time because of the Pulp Mill. I had hoped to see better engagement on the part of Northern Pulp towards reconciliation. It's clear that the PLFN is pretty disappointed with this project [1], both because of (i) potential environmental impacts of the effluent replacement facility and (ii) because it appears that The Boat Harbour Act will not be upheld if the project is to go forward. Many people share the view that Northern Pulp and the Government of Nova Scotia are perpetuating the shameful history of environmental racism at Pictou Landing. I think this should be reason enough for you to reject the effluent treatment facility project. There have been so many broken promises made to the PLFN people. I'm worried that an extension would trigger an Oka-like crisis, and I would support the PLFN if it did.

I know that your decision will be based on the science and facts surrounding the proposal. So without further ado, here are 5 Fact-based Reasons to Reject Northern Pulp's Focus Report and Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility Project:

1. KEY DETAILS ARE STILL MISSING FROM THE FOCUS REPORT.

It seems to me that the report is (a) quite massive, but (b) still missing some key details I was hoping to see. For example:

1.1 The Focus Report barely mentions the Mi'kmaq at all, yet the previous Minister of the Environment specified that the focus report address Mi'kmaq land and resource use in the EA Minister's Decision letter dated Mar 29, 2019 and the Terms of Reference document.
- Appendix 7.3 - Impact Assessment Marine Fish, Section 3.6.3 "Indigenous Fisheries" just says "Information to be provided following the completion and reporting

of First Nation resource use survey" in red text under every subsection. Clearly the First Nation resource use survey was not completed.
- Section 11.1 of the Focus Report is extremely short (1.5 pages, mostly fluff) and corresponding Appendix 11.1 - "Mi'kmaq Ecological Knowledge Study (MEKS)" is just a brief letter stating that the report and review do not justify infringement of S.35 Aboriginal Rights. There is no additional MEKS information.

1.2 There are several places where the report makes very ambitions claims without showing evidence that achieving their goals will actually be possible. This does not inspire confidence. For example, the effluent leak monitoring system and some elements of follow-up monitoring are only addressed superficially and clearly require more work:
- Section 3.5 of the Focus Report and Appendix 2.1 - "On-Land Pipeline Info" explains that advanced leak detection systems exist for water and liquid petroleum, and goes on to suggest that one of these systems will be used to monitor for effluent leaks later for the final design. This is very wishy-washy. Are systems designed for water and liquid petroleum even appropriate for effluent (which contains a lot more high molecular weight solids)? It doesn't seem like they've been used for effluent in the past. Also, what about leaks smaller than 60 litres per hour? Here is the relevant text from Appendix 2.1: "These systems have been deployed on water systems as well as liquid petroleum systems in pipelines of steel and other materials including HDPE. Specific technologies have demonstrated success in detecting leaks as small as 60 l/hr. Final technology selection for the leak detection system will be completed during detailed design." Section 3.5 of the Focus Report says: “The leak detection system installed at NPNS between Pictou and Caribou will fall into one of these three categories. Final selection will be made during the detailed design phase.” It is not clear (i) what the three categories they’re referring to here are giving the preceding text, and (ii) what they will actually do for a leak detection system. I find this to be completely unsatisfactory - but wait, there’s more...
- Appendix 2.1 - "On-Land Pipeline Info" goes on to state that the combination of pipe plus mystery leak detection system will be so robust that dual wall containment is unnecessary, and twice they promise a leak free system over the "design lifetime". And how long is this "design lifetime"? It all comes across as overly optimistic unsupported hand waving without the details to back it up . Here is the relevant text: "This coupled with a leak detection system utilizing advanced detection technologies provides robust protection against leaks and early detection in the very unlikely event that one occurs. Therefore dual wall containment is not necessary for this application.", " the effluent line should be leak free over its design lifetime" and "A properly designed, specified, installed and tested/commissioned pipeline will result in a leak free system over its design lifetime". It seems like all talk with nothing to back it up.
- Appendix 7.3 - “Impact Assessment Marine Fish” also points to some lack of effort: “Following completion of the HHRA, the potential utility of a continued fish tissue monitoring program following commissioning of the effluent treatment system and subsequent discharge will need to be discussed with First Nations, stakeholders and government agencies. The potential studies are still likely to target: lobster, rock crab, scallop, blue mussel, softshell clam, oyster, and locally relevant finfish (e.g., Eel, Smelt, Gaspereau, Striped Bass, Mackerel, Atlantic Herring). Given the likely timing

for EA approval and the subsequent construction and commissioning of the proposed ETF, it will be possible to target collections of any of the species identified above that have not already been collected for baseline purposes (i.e., predevelopment) should engagement indicate the need." It doesn't seem like they've covered everything needed to complete the report yet.

1.3 Many of the appendices are blank. Why? These are important aspects of the project. Clearly they have not been addressed in any detail beyond the brief discussions given in the Focus Report. The inclusion of all these links on the novascotia.ca website is misleading. It suggests that more work has gone into the Focus Report than actually has.
- Appendix 3.3 - Effluent Discharge Parameters is blank
- Appendix 3.5 - Effluent Pipeline Leak Detection is blank
- Appendix 5.2 - Monitoring Methodologies is blank
- Appendix 6.1 - Revised Air Contaminants is blank
- Appendix 7.5 - Contingency Measures is blank
- Addendum 4.0 - Environmental Effects Monitoring Updates is blan.

This lack of key details is unsatisfactory. The fact is, the Focus Report is full of holes, and therefore I encourage you to reject the effluent treatment facility project.

2. THE PULP MILL HAS A TERRIBLE TRACK RECORD OF EXCEEDING POLLUTION LIMITS.

The pulp mill has had numerous effluent leaks and has exceeded air contaminant limits many times [2]. I recommend reading "The Mill" by Joan Baxter for a hair curling history. The repercussions in terms of fines levelled at Northern Pulp and its predecessors have been minimal, so perhaps it is no surprise that so many violations keep occurring. Of course people don't trust the Pulp Mill to operate cleanly. Why would anybody? The fact is, Northern Pulp's disturbing history of breaking pollution limits suggests they will not change their tune, putting people and the environment at risk. Therefore, I encourage you to reject the effluent treatment facility project.

3. PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT IS YOUR DUTY.

Minister Wilson, I tried to figure out what your role and responsibilities are, and it seems to me that protecting the environment is your duty - both as a federal public servant (3.1) and as the Minister of Environment (3.2) - and that means exercising caution and considering the environment long-term. Here's why.

3.1 All federal public servants must act in accordance with the Values of the public sector [3], which include stewardship: "Federal public servants are entrusted to use and care for public resources responsibly, for both the short term and long term." One of the expected behaviours is: "4.2 Considering the present and long-term effects that their actions have on people and the environment." I therefore encourage you to prioritise the potential impacts of of this project on people (especially the PLFN people) and the environment over the potential economic benefits.

3.2 The Minister of Environment is responsible for upholding the Environment Act [4], which focuses on the protection, enhancement and prudent use of the environment, and includes the goal of maintaining environmental protection as essential to the integrity of ecosystems, human health and the socio-economic well-being of society. Many of the principles described in the act encourage prudence: "The precautionary principle will be used in decision making", "the principle of pollution prevention and waste reduction as the foundation for long-term environmental protection", "the stewardship principle", "the polluter-pay principle". It seems to me that the proposed Effluent Treatment Facility does not comply with these principles. I therefore encourage you to be prudent and mindful of the Environmental Act as you make your decision.

4. JOBS AREN'T THE DEFINING ISSUE OF OUR TIME. THE CLIMATE IS.

Look at any news source and odds are, you're going to read something about saving the climate [5]. Unemployment, on the other hand, has been steadily pretty decreasing for the past decade [6]. At a time when protecting our environment has become so critical, putting the areas along the proposed pipe and effluent plume at risk for the sake of propping up a dirty industry just doesn't seem worth it. I therefore ask you to please consider that (i) current mill and forestry employees can be employed in the cleanup effort to offset the loss of jobs, and (ii) you may also want to introduce a bill banning unsolicited junk mail in tandem with your potential decision to reject the project to offset a reduction in paper production capacity.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM NEEDS TO END.

I mentioned environmental racism early in this letter and I come back to it now. The fact is, environmental racism must end. Closing Boat Harbour on time is a start. Northern Pulp has had plenty of time to come up with a plan; The Boat Harbour Act was passed in 2015. Before that, Boat Harbour was supposed to close in 2005 and the list extensions and broken promises to the PLFN people goes on [1,2]. At the end of the day Minister, your decision will determine whether you go down in history as a public servant who upholds our values of integrity, stewardship and respect for people by championing the environment and indigenous rights, or as just another politician who sacrifices these values for the sake of business. I hope you will make the right choice.

Sincerely,

REFERENCES:

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[1] PLFN website: https://plfn.ca/departments/boat-harbour-rem
Video Reclaiming A'se'k: Boat Harbour and the Next Generation: https://youtu.be/pbMrwR0fjRc
Pictou Landing Film: Boat Harbour and the Mill: https://youtu.be/DDYwZO9Ot44

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[2] “Northern Pulp flunks air emission tests — again” CBC News article, Paul Withers, September 19, 2017:
https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/northern-pulp-air-emission-tests-fails-again-1.4295686
Boat Harbour Wikipedia Page
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boat_Harbour,_Nova_Scotia
“Containing Northern Pulp’s mess: A half century of toxic waste in Boat Harbour, a leaky pipeline, and what happens next in the mill saga” by Joan Baxter:
http://www.joanbaxter.ca/2019/04/15/containing-northern-pulps-mess-a-half-century-of-toxic-waste-in-boat-harbour-a-leaky-pipeline-and-what-happens-next-in-the-mill-saga/

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[3] From the Statement of Values for the Federal Public Sector:
"These values are a compass to guide public servants in everything they do. They cannot be considered in isolation from each other as they will often overlap. This Code and respective organizational codes of conduct are important sources of guidance for public servants. Organizations are expected to take steps to integrate these values into their decisions, actions, policies, processes, and systems. Similarly, public servants can expect to be treated in accordance with these values by their organization.
Respect for Democracy
The system of Canadian parliamentary democracy and its institutions are fundamental to serving the public interest. Public servants recognize that elected officials are accountable to Parliament, and ultimately to the Canadian people, and that a non-partisan public sector is essential to our democratic system.
Respect for People
Treating all people with respect, dignity and fairness is fundamental to our relationship with the Canadian public and contributes to a safe and healthy work environment that promotes engagement, openness and transparency. The diversity of our people and the ideas they generate are the source of our innovation.
Integrity
Integrity is the cornerstone of good governance and democracy. By upholding the highest ethical standards, public servants conserve and enhance public confidence in the honesty, fairness and impartiality of the federal public sector.
Stewardship
Federal public servants are entrusted to use and care for public resources responsibly, for both the short term and long term.
Excellence
Excellence in the design and delivery of public sector policy, programs and services is beneficial to every aspect of Canadian public life. Engagement, collaboration, effective teamwork and professional development are all essential to a high-performing organization." - Government of Canada Values and Ethics Code for the Public Sector.

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"Our people are our most valuable resource, and their health and safety is of paramount importance." - A Message from the Deputy Minister, Jody Thomas and the Chief of Defence Staff, General J.H. Vance.

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[4] From the Environment Act. 1994-95, c. 1, s. 1.:
"The purpose of this Act is to support and promote the protection, enhancement and prudent use of the environment while recognizing the following goals:
(a) maintaining environmental protection as essential to the integrity of ecosystems, human health and the socio-economic well-being of society;
(b) maintaining the principles of sustainable development, including
(i) the principle of ecological value, ensuring the maintenance and restoration of essential ecological processes and the preservation and prevention of loss of biological diversity,
(ii) the precautionary principle will be used in decision making so that where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, the lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation,
(iii) the principle of pollution prevention and waste reduction as the foundation for long-term environmental protection, including
(A) the conservation and efficient use of resources,
(B) the promotion of the development and use of sustainable, scientific and technological innovations and management systems, and
(C) the importance of reducing, reusing, recycling and recovering the products of our society,
(iv) the principle of shared responsibility of all Nova Scotians to sustain the environment and the economy, both locally and globally, through individual and government actions,
(v) the stewardship principle, which recognizes the responsibility of a producer for a product from the point of manufacturing to the point of final disposal,
(vi) the linkage between economic and environmental issues, recognizing that long-term economic prosperity depends upon sound environmental management and that effective environmental protection depends on a strong economy, and
(vii) the comprehensive integration of sustainable development principles in public policy making in the Province;
(c) the polluter-pay principle confirming the responsibility of anyone who creates an adverse effect on the environment that is not de minimis to take remedial action and pay for the costs of that action;
(d) taking remedial action and providing for rehabilitation to restore an adversely affected area to a beneficial use;
(e) Government having a catalyst role in the areas of environmental education, environmental management, environmental emergencies, environmental research and the development of policies, standards, objectives and guidelines and other measures to protect the environment;
(f) encouraging the development and use of environmental technologies, innovations and industries;
(g) the Province being responsible for working co-operatively and building partnerships with other provinces, the Government of Canada, other governments and other persons respecting transboundary matters and the co-ordination of legislative and regulatory initiatives;
(h) providing access to information and facilitating effective public participation in the formulation of decisions affecting the environment, including opportunities to participate in the review of legislation, regulations and policies and the provision of

access to information affecting the environment;
(i) providing a responsive, effective, fair, timely and efficient administrative and regulatory system;
(j) promoting this Act primarily through non-regulatory means such as co-operation, communication, education, incentives and partnerships. 1994-95, c. 1, s. 2; 2006, c. 30, s. 1; 2011, c. 61, s. 1."

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[5] “Climate change is the defining issue of our time”, United Nations https://www.un.org/en/sections/issues-depth/climate-change/ and countless others.

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[6] The seasonally adjusted NS unemployment rate graph shows a downward trend since 2010, with unemployment currently at the lowest point on the graph at 6.9%. “Labour Market Trends - January 2019”, Nova Scotia Finance and Treasury Board, Economics and Statistics Division February 08, 2019, https://novascotia.ca/finance/statistics/archive_news.asp?id=14551&dg=&df=&dto=0&dti=3

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I support the plan for the new wastewater treatment facility. The science is there that proves that the new system can and will be environmentally sustainable. There is no reason why both the Forest and Fishing industry can not coexist in the same environment. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Hopewell Postal-Code: B0K 1C0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 54 y: 27

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Minister Gordon Wilson, I am concerned about the potential contamination of Caribou Harbour and the caribou Island area. For four generations our family has been digging clams from this beautiful shoreline along the Northumberland Strait. It is a beloved family tradition and i am worried that it is being put at great risk by this proposed effluent pipe. In the focus report, the given coordinates at the outfall location is less than 1 nautical mile from shore. The two Mills out westCatalyst Paper and Howe Sound Pulp and Paper that this effluent discharge pipe is compared to have much deeper oceans and greater tides than the Northumberland Strait. Yet, on the Fisheries and Oceans Website they prohibit shellfish harvesting for miles on either side of these Mills due to dioxin contamination. Northern Pulp fails to mention this fact about the contamination of shellfish in their report. This diffuser is also very close to the Caribou -Munroes Island Provincial Park. This a protected area with a delicate eco-system. Many people enjoy hiking and birdwatching in this park. Also, it has a beautiful mile long beach that is adjacent to the Caribou campground. I enjoy this park with my grandchildren every summer, as do many families, both local and tourists. It will be a great shame to see this lovely beach destroyed by mill effluent! My spouse and I frequent the Caribou Wharf every spring and buy lobster direct from the fisherman as they are offloading their catch of the day. This is another family tradition that many locals enjoy. I for one will not be buying any more of these lobsters if the effluent pipe plan is a go. The effluent will be going directly into the waters where these very lobsters are caught! Boat Harbour is an environmental disaster. How can one justify creating another one in the Northumberland Strait. The risks are too great with this proposed effluent plan. I recommend that the Minister reject this proposal. Thank you Name: Email: @ns.sympatico.ca Address: Municipality: pictou Postal-Code: B0K1H0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 33 y: 16

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Please read The Mill - then ask yourself if we are done yet? --- arent we done. The facility is old - they are clearcutting our trees to chip and ship... - they release spew that stinks into the air - particulate that causes cancer - have had spills of toxic effluent leak all over the ground and into the water - We need to be done. Seriously - just think about it - you cant take a tree in the forest and change it into white pulp for toilet paper, and have the chemicals that do this released into our ocean. We cant be that stupid to even consider this can we? And WHO is going to want to eat a lobster from waters off the coast of Nova Scotia knowing that this toxic pulp waste is in our water? One post going to the right place - and voila - the entire lobster fisheries could be in jeopardy. My vote is NO. Absolutely not. We need to be done. No pipe. Name:
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: l,m a small producer port this project. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: saint Louis nb Municipality: Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: We need this plant for the environment and to keep the mill running. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Durham Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I support this project and look forward to see the positive impact it will have. All science supports this project and Northern Pulp has been diligent in keeping the community informed of its process. The Forest sector will not survive without this pulp mill. Name: Email: @gnti.ca Address: Municipality: Truro Postal-Code

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: After viewing the disturbing images of effluent being dumped into boat harbour, I find it difficult to believe that it will ever recover. It is a disgrace that it has gone on as long as it has. The thought of this same effluent being delivered to the rich fishing grounds of the Northumberland Strait boggles the mind. I strongly believe the effluent will have a negative impact on the fisheries not only in Nova Scotia, but in PEI, New Brunswick and the St. Lawrence Seaway. How can it not? And someone please explain why, with all of the technological resources available, we cannot come up with a more effective and environmentally sustainable solution? There must be a better way! Name: Email: @yahoo.com Address: Municipality: New Glasgow Postal-Code: B2H 2C5 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 49 y: 23

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I operate a commercial thinning business in NB within 7 kms of the N.S. boarder. Including my own, there are 8 families that depend on this business and it depends on Northern Pulpâ?Ts continued operation. To be clear, that means itâ?Ts continuous operation. Any shutdown of this mill would have serious and possibly permanent ramifications for our business. Northern Pulp needs to continue its operations! Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address: Municipality: Point de Bute Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: we need this for the environment and to keep the mill going.. too many jobs to be lost.. Name:
Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Durham Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: November 7, 2019 8:05:05 PM

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: As a fourth generation forestry worker in this province I strongly urge to approve northern pulp waste water treatment facility. They have obviously done their research and if approved this would make this mill one of the most environmentally friendly mills in North America. Northern Pulp has proven to be willing to invest in Nova Scotia to provide honest livings for todays families and families of the future. Thank you Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: North Lochaber Municipality: Antigonish Postal-Code:

From: @eastlink.ca
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: When the stat-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility is complete,Northern Pulps environment footprint will be significantly reduced. Forestry and fishing industries will de able to thrive and co-exist and finally, and very importantly, the Boat Harbour cleanup will begin and the community can begin to heal. Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address: Bedford Nova Scotia B4A4E4 Municipality: Bedford NS Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I was to a couple of meetings about replacement effluent treatment facility project and I heard a lot of positive info on it I work for a lumber mill and the are always up grading not just inside but outside as well always keeping and eye on the water ways close by and not to say all the jobs that would be lost not just in the mill but all the contractors and suppliers let alone the money they spend local so please have a good long look before you make your minds up thanks Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Chelsea Postal-Code: b4v 7l6 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 61 y: 26

From: @gmail.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Mill is willing to fix the problem let them Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Lunenburg Postal-Code: B0j2c0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 62 y: 21

From: @live.ca
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: This application by NPNS concerns me greatly about the environmental effects it may create. 1.the fact of heated effluent being pumped into the waters of Northumberland Strait at a rate of 80 million litres per day is totally mindboggling in this time of climate crisis. 2.The fact that they cannot determine the exact contents and amounts thereof of the effluent until after the system is up and running is like closing the gate after all the horses have left the property so to speak as the damage will be irreversible. 3.There is no way in a lab in Sweden or wherever can they realistically create the water flow and dispersement of the effluent with the rise and fall of the tides in Caribou Harbour.How much effluent will be backwashed into the Harbour which is prime rockcrab and oyster waters. 4.How can NPNS say there will be no effects on the prime lobster fishing grounds along with all the other species in the outfall area herring etc without knowing exactly what they are pumping.This is a definite unknown and proper fishery studies should be done foer this area. 5.The new system is going to be built adjacent to or partially on Canso Chemical property which contains mercury and lots of it in the bedrock which could possibly trigger the mercury to leach into Pictou Harbour. 6.This new system supposedly is going to remove the sludge which shall be supposedly burned in the power boiler which means more toxins coming from the stacks than there is now which is bad enough now to make your eyes water and take your breath awayand with no proper ambient air testing in proper locations not like the one in Pictou hidden away at the fisheries school in which direction the wind rarely blows. 7.This mill was built in 1967 with technologies from the late 1950s and early 1960s.It was built with a life expectancy of 25 years.It has plundered along for twice that plus with only patchwork done to keep it going and most of this was done with taxpayers money just like the 6 million given to them by us to do the study for this.The province is billions in debt but still giving money to a billionaire company and thats not fair to us the taxpayer 8. In closing I would like to say that this to me is like owning a behemouth severe oil burning 58 Edsel and putting a shiny new muffler on it thinking its going to cure the problem.Thank you for hearing me. Name: Email: @live.ca Address: Municipality: Haliburton Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Dear Mr.Gordon Wilson I am writing today regarding the Northern Pulp Effuent treatment Facility Replacement Project. After a review of the Northern Pulp Focus Report there is an abundance of missing information that I am sure you and your staff are fully aware. One such issue that stands out to me is as follows: The construction of the holding tanks or mixing tanks used during treatment of effluent on the mill site. As you are awear these tanks are huge in size and will require a very large excavation on the mill site. As you must also be awear the location indicated on the eviromental assessment / Focus Report to construct these huge concrete tanks that will be located on groundthat has been contaminated after several years of Mercury leaking into the soils at that particular location. The Mercury has migrated into the bed rock, keep in mind we are talking Tons of Mercury. This area should be tested for any signs of contamination by an independant firm hired by the province. It has been reported that the Mercury contaminated soil was suppose to have been removed and buried on site in a se cure area/dump location meters away from the spill location. I see nothing in this enviromental assessment or in the focus report that woud indicate how Northern Pulp plans on having construction workers ie: survey crews, form workers, re-bar tiers,concrete finishers etc. safely work in this enviroment. By opening this site to the elements Northern Pulp runs the risk of allowing the Mercury to migrate further into the bed rock aswell as the water table, Pictou Harbour, Northumberland Strait etc. It also runs the risk of construction workers being contaminated with the Mercury that remains on the purposed location. This could also be spread to the construction workers families through their clothing boots etc.at the end of any given work day. Mercury can cause a huge amount of health issues as I am sure you are awear. In closing I am deeply concerned with the answers or the lack of that Northern Pulp has issued in this Focus Report. You as minister of the enviroment for the province of Nova Scotia are now awear of the possibility of Mercury contamination to humans on the purposed construction site of the Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility at Northern Pulp,Pictou County Nova Scotia. I trust you will make the right desision based on science and the LACK of information provided by Northern Pulp! Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Pictou County Postal-Code: B0K1H0 Phone: Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 64 y: 15

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To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: As a member of a small community who obtains works in a lumber mill, i feel Northern Pulp is a main asset to the forest industry. Its vital that it remain operative for smaller businesses within Nova Scotia to continue to function and employ so many people. The project that is being implemented is going to treat the effulent that will leave Northern Pulp and the project will not harm plants, animals or marine wildlife. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Upper Chelsea Postal-Code:

From:	Environment
To:	Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject:	Proposed Project Comments
Date:	November 7, 2019 8:39:24 PM

Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Hon. Gordon Wilson I have been following the coverage of the Northern Pulp approval process for a new treatment facility for the past couple years. The focus report submitted by Northern Pulp addresses all environmental concerns that were put forward and in doing so has provided scientific studies to support their plan for a new treatment facility. If the department of the environment recognizes these studies and the scientific processes that they are based upon as being from creditable sources then I think the only fair action is to approve the environmental assessment and allow the company to proceed to the next step of the process. Northern Pulp supports a large portion of our forest industry which the province both needs and benefits from. It is important to have them here as a corporate citizen and equally important that the department of Environment monitors and holds them to the proposed operating standards. The decision to approve the project must not be an arbitrary one based on opposing groups likes and dislikes of the project. Nor should it be for political gain. As stated above, scientific studies have concluded no significant adverse effects to our air and water quality. The onus lies on the province to approve this project and hold the company accountable to rigorous environmental standards. Name: Email: Address: Municipality: Postal-Code: Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 55 y: 19

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Please give northern pulp an extension to make all the changes to the effluent treatment plant. The new owner has been making improvements in air, effluent and odour since 2011. The new plant will use the best technology being used in the world. No untreated effluent will leave the mill site, and will not impact any plants or living organisms. The project makes perfect sense and should be approved, even after the focus report the project design never changed. Please give them more time to make the necessary changes. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Camperdown Postal-Code:

From: @gmail.com
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: It appears as though Northern Pulp has implemented a number of controls during the construction, implementation and operation of the effluent treatment facility to mitigate environmental impact. In addition, it looks as though the long term impact on the environment and sustainability of the operation was also considered to minimize the impact on the local area. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Mahone Bay Postal-Code: B0J 2E0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 51 y: 23

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: As the wife, sister and daughter of persons employed at a local lumber mill, i feel it is essential that northern pulp remain open for the economy of nova scotia. many local businesses are operating solely due to northern pulp being open and taking byproducts from our local mills. the project that is being initiated to clean up the effulent is going guarantee nothing is to leave the mill untreated, will not harm animals, plants or marine wildlife and this project just makes sense and should be approved. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Upper Chelsea Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: The idea of putting the volume of effluents in to the Northumberland Strait is criminal and will affect untold generations. The dealings between the company and the province are abhorrent and totally contrary to the public interest. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: . Municipality: Southside Harbour Postal-Code:

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Re Focus Report, northern Pulp
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Halifax, Nova Scotia, **@gmail.com**

November 7, 2010

Gordon Wilson
Minister of the Environment
Government of Nova Scotia

Dear Minister Wilson;

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed plan by Northern Pulp to dump up to 85 million litres of warm toxic effluent into the Northumberland Strait. There is nothing in the Northern Pulp's Focus Report to satisfy my concerns.

I grew up in the town of Pictou. My husband and I own property in Caribou River and spend part of the year there. We swim and fish in beaches and waters along that coast and harvest shellfish in beautiful Caribou Harbour.

Caribou Harbour is a sensitive ecosystem and it is teeming with life. Its muddy bottom holds nutrients which nourish the shellfish and small baitfish. The seabirds, such as the Blue Heron, feed on the small fish at low tide and the Eagles and other birds of prey scoop up larger fish, all parts of the amazing, natural circle of life. Should Northern Pulp plan come to fruition, it is evident that the high tides will bring chemical toxins into Caribou Harbour and deposit them in the muddy bottom when the tide retreats poisoning the ecosystem that I have known and loved. The foamy toxic sludge which we now see as a slick in Pictou Harbour or washed up along the beaches inside Pictou Harbour will now be deposited along the beaches in Caribou, Caribou Island and Caribou River. The toxins will be spread over a lucrative lobster fishing grounds, and even if the lobster survive, their tissue will be unsafe for human consumption. This cannot be allowed to happen.

The pulp mill in Pictou has been poisoning our water, air and soil since I was a little girl. Organisms that live in Pictou Harbour are deformed and/or toxic. The VOCs emitted in his smokestacks from the pulp mill are hazardous to human health (see Linda Pannozzo, Halifax Examiner, March 7, 2019 *).(I know a woman whose lung condition deteriorated while living in Pictou and since leaving, has not had a single flare-up*.) People who live in parts of Pictou County affected by the pulp mill have woken up and will not stand for this kind of poisoning any longer. The proposed treatment facility will not significantly detoxify the effluent. And, as a member of Pictou Landing First Nations stated in the film, *There Is Something in the Water,* directed by Ellen Page, we cannot simply take the problem from their backyard, Boat Harbour, and put it in their/our front yard, the Northumberland Strait.

Minister, frankly it is time for the pulp to close and for your government to invest in sustainable and environmentally sound industries. I hope that your attachment to the forestry industry stemming from your former occupation as a forestry technician will not cloud your decision making process.

Sincerely,

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To: Environment Assessment Web Account
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A qui de droit

Les membres d Uniforme section locale 696 chez ARBEC St Roch
Québec

Le syndicat, a pris connaissance du message que le président National d'Unifor en rapport aux inquiétudes que vive les travailleurs de Northem Pulp qui se battent pour maintenir des emplois et attende l approbation du ministère de l environnement de la nouvelle Ecosse.

On ne voit pas pourquoi le ministère de l'environnement ne donnerait pas sont appuie à Northem Pulp puisqu'il respecterait les normes environnementales exigées et de l'examen scientifique pour pouvoir maintenir tout ses emplois.

Je crois que Northem Pulp à appris des erreurs passé comme toutes les entreprises qui œuvre dans se domaine et elle à su s'adapté au changement et qu'ils faut traité nos ressources renouvelables de meilleures façons que dans le passé.

Donc se serait impensable de croire que le gouvernement de la Nouvelle Ecosse ne donne pas suite à se projet pour maintenir ses emplois

Merci et bonne chance
à vous tous
Travailleurs et travailleuses

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I want Northern Pulp to remain open. The new treatment facility will be a huge improvement over the existing boat harbour facility. Please protect Nova Scotiaâ?Ts economy and jobs. WE NEED NORTHERN PULP in Pictou County, we need Northern Pulp in Nova Scotia. The EA has the information to back up my statement. The fisheries in Northumberland Strait has been very successful with Northern Pulp dumping into boat harbour , and will only improve with the new state of the art treatment facilitv. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Seafoam Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I think this is a great design,one that I fully endorse. My reason being that I believe it is an already proven design throughout the world with many other waste effluent systems!! I like the fact that this mill already runs under heavier restrictions than most other mills and that they have contracted the design from the Worlds leading design company for waste effluent systems. If they are confident in their already proven design, then why shouldnt you give them a chance? I am not thinking this way just for fear of losing thousands of jobs but wouldnt a responsible approach be to allow them to prove themselves and keeping the industry thriving and all the jobs to go with it. An irresponsible choice would be shut it all down not giving them a chance to prove themselves, ignoring the facts and welcoming the huge risk of devasting the industry than to ignorantly run to the nearest grocery store next time you run low on tissue products and support a pulpmill with less enviromental restrictions!!! If they can meet the requirments than that is something I could be proud of and would make me feel more responsible to a better enviroment.To keep supporting the product but also to have the Not in my backyard attitude is ignorant. There is no other way to look at it. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: New Glasgow Postal-

From:
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Effluent in the Northumberland Strait
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We have a responsibility to safe guard both land and sea for future generations please undertake a full third party environmental assessment before allowing any effluent treated or untreated to be discharged into the sea. The loss of marine life will have profound negative effects on us all, both Environmentally and economically.

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: please stop the insanity of allowing NP to dispose of millions of liters of effluent into the Northumberland strait. The company admitted that they do not know what the chemistry of the effluent will be until it is actually being disposed of.how is that acceptable to any government that has the mandate to protect the environment? Who of same mind would agree to that? I am reminded of the disaster that Alberta went incurred when one cow was reported to have mad cow disease . The entire beef industry collapsed and stayed collapsed for many years. Imagine what will happen to the fishery of NS if someone becomes sick from eating a polluted lobster? Given the assistance that this government and previous governments have handed out to NP and its predecessors is it not time to think of the health of the citizens of NS rather than allowing a foriegn company to ravish our forests and pollute our water and air. time to stop the insanity and show some integrity. please keep the commitment made to the first nations and do not allow the continuance of boat harbor after January 31, 2020. thank you Name:
Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Pictou Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Nova Scotia does need forestry. Yes northern pulp has had time previously to fix their wrong and did not. But now theyâ?Tre are taking control and trying to do what is right. It might be not as soon as some would hope BUT theyâ?Tre doing it now, so give them a chance. The running of the mill has a bug influence on local, rural jobs. Not just jobs of people working in that specific mill but from the person cutting the tree in the forest, right down to the sales person trying to mark the lumber produced and everyone in between, which there are a lot of! The closing of that mill would destroy Nova Scotia terribly. Not just for myself but for thousands of others. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Greenfield Postal-Code:

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Subject: Northern Pulp Focus Report / EA Feedback
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Re: Northern Pulp Focus Report

Good Day,

I propose the Minister of Environment rejects Northern Pulps proposal for the following reasons:

1)This should be at least a Class II assessment (2 reasons)

- The NS Government is in a conflict of interest. A Former premier (Hamm) created the indemnity agreement held by Northern Pulp and is now on their board of directors. The Province of Nova Scotia helped fund the report and has loaned Northern Pulp untold sums of money. Some of this money was not even itemized as to what it was for. They are directly impacted by the future of the Mill and thus can not be depended upon for an unbiased decision.

- This involves Water outside of the low water mark and thus should be federally regulated.

2)As per the Canso Chemicals Site Decommissioning Final Report, the area in which Northern Pulp wants to construct a new basin is within a short distance to a documented mass of elemental mercury. There is no mention of this in Northern Pulps report which is a red flag. This Mercury was never cleaned up and the last report concluded that the area should not be developed.

3)There are no plans to install a 2nd stage oxygen delignification system. This is commonplace in most other 'up to date' systems but is not part of the EA. If we are concerned about the environment why is this acceptable to not have the construction of this be part of the submitted documentation.

4)The plans for the pipe still have it traversing over the Pictou watershed. This is dangerous. Despite newer technology being installed, the Mill has a history of leaks that can not be ignored. Including the 2018 leak which remains completely un-quantified. And the previous leak in 2014 showed levels of dioxins around the spill area that were not supposed to be present in the effluent to begin with. If they are unable to properly quantify the effluent physically coming out of their system, how can they be expected to accurately predict the characteristics in the future through modelling.

5)The Lahey report states our entire forestry sector is at great risk as our current forestry practices are unsustainable. This is directly related to the Mills requirement for pulpwood. We even allow them to harvest on crown lands. We do not have a plan in place for how to help transition our forest sector away from feeding the pulp mill. This is both a conflict of interest,

as the Province does not want to see the financial loss that would occur after the mills closure (and the probable lawsuit due to early termination of the lease agreement on Boat Harbour), and a hit against our environment as we have not implemented the triad forestry model as recommended in the report, and continue to honor old commitments and agreements to harvest the land despite the reports recommendations otherwise.

By continuing the status quo we are turning a blind eye to the environmental impacts that our children will have to suffer through. Outside of the impact on jobs and our economy, there is no environmentally conscious reason why we wouldn't shut the mill down, clean up Boat Harbor, and start to transition into sustainable forestry. It will not get any easier if we continue to wait.

The people of Canada have demonstrated through their votes that the environment is to be protected.

I implore the government to do the right thing.

Deny this proposed pipeline plan, or at the very least turn it over for a proper Federal assessment.

Thank you.

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: It is the Governments responsibility to ensure trust within society , failure to do so only provokes the dog . This old dog being one ! Having been a generational fisherman from Caribou , and subject to the early days of swimming 1968 in Seaview Cemetery , Pictou Harbour . Im well aware of the burning of young skin by bleaching compounds . Just as today at the tailing ponds of Boat Harbour , overlooking 340 acre water base . Were since the first week of operation its water has voided life ! Shame on any Government who would endorse this project , Shame on a Government that would continue the racism waged against the Pictou Landing First Nation peoples !! Shame on CANADA and all its Natural Resources Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: , Nova Scotia Municipality: Pictou Postal-Code: Bol-1h0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 56 y: 20

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I like Northern Pulps plan. Name: Email: @hotmail.ca Address: Municipality: North Brookfield Postal-Code: B0T1X0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 58 y: 15

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: When Prime Minister Trudeau introduced his first cabinet, he was asked why was it important to have gender equality in his government. His succinct answer - Because its 2016. Its what we ought to, finally, in this modern world, be doing. So now Nova Scotia has to answer the question, why is it important that Northern Pulp be allowed to pipe its toxic wastes far into the waters of Northumberland Strait. Because its 2020? The number 2020 connotes perfect vision, yet the prospect, in the year 2020, of dumping toxic waste into biologically rich waters where they will be free to forever mix into an unbounded oceanic environment, harkens back to thinking and actions that have been proven wrong time and time again in the past. In Canada, in the United States and around the world, there are countless toxic sites, many abandoned by their makers, in need of clean-up. Its playing an environmental shell game, where the bad stuff gets dumped far enough to perhaps satisfy the locals for a time, but sooner or later their descendants our children or grandchildren realize theyve got a serious mess on our hands that will not go away. Eventually, someone will pay the price, so its better the producer of the waste pay the price now, whether its costlier waste processing on-site and on-land, with minimal impacts on sites i.e., Northumberland Strait depths perhaps impossible to remedy if need be in the future, o r even ceasing to operate. In 2020, we should simply not allow these wastes to be pumped into an environment where their containment is problematic and their long-term impacts essentially unknown. Maybe this would have been fine with our forebears after all, their generations gave us Sidneys Tar Ponds, gold minings rich history of arsenic poisoned waters, etc. What will Nova Scotias legacy be a generation down the road? Will our children be wondering why we burdened them with another set of environment problems? And will Northern Pulp even be here, or will their stock holders have moved off to chase laxer environmental oversight elsewhere? Name: Email: @hfx.eastlink.ca Address: t Municipality: Halifax Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Dear Minister of Environment, I am writing in regards to the Proposed Replacement of the Effluent Treatment Facility submitted by Northern Pulp. After reviewing the focus report, I have full confidence in this project and the proposal submitted by NP. They have supplied a scientific based assessment including the new technology that will be used to improve current conditions and the minuscule impacts anticipated with their mitigation procedures in place. As a member of the local community I know how important this mill is to our livelihood and our province. This mill has been taking the right steps forward and deserves our support. Name:
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I am writing to express my concern opposition to the proposed effluent pipeline being constructed in Pictou County NS. I am very concerned with what the effluent will contain. The proposal put forth by Northern Pulp states that there will be dioxins. Dioxins are not safe at any level. They are a known carcinogen. I am concerned with the temperature of the effluent. The oceans are increasing in temperature and this is contributing to climate change and I feel the large volume of chemically treated, heated effluent will impact lobster larvae. The risk is far too great. The parent company of Northern Pulp is Asia pulp and paper. They are listed as one of the top 10 worst environmental offenders in the world. I would like to believe that the province of NS would acknowledge this and stop allowing this company to gain more wealth at the expense of the environment. Please do not approve this project. The Northumberland Strait deserves protection. The risk is enormous. Thank you, Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Truro Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I support a new treatment facility ,and the successful operation of Northern Pulp. The mills closure would have a devastating rippling effect on the province of Nova Scotia Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Seafoam Postal-Code: B0K1N0 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 61 y: 28

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Project: - Choose - Comments: Good evening Minister Wilson, I am writing to you as a resident of the Town of Antigonish and a holder of Pictou County property Baileyâ?Ts Brook to express my alarm regarding Northern Pulpâ?Ts intention to contaminate the Strait which we have spent a lifetime enjoying and benefitting from its resources. Examining your comments regarding Northern Pulpâ?Ts plan and your consequent support of the project has generated much concern, particularly in this area. Having read much of the Focus report, your defense of Northern Pulpâ?Ts undertaking appears to be insupportable and contrary to the best interests of the province. The negative consequences of this proposed massive contamination of the Strait supported by the provincial government appears to many of my neighbors both here in Antigonish and Pictou County as a blatant disregard for our well being and a capitulation to interests given higher priority by you and your government. However, a legislative response by you and your government that would result in the immediate termination of this lethal threat to our present and future well-being would be considered as a very redemptive environmentally and politically move. Awaiting your legislative response,
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Department of Environment,

I am writing in relation to the Focus Report in Northern Pulp's proposed Replacement ETF Project. My name is I live in Central Caribou and commercial fish out of Caribou Wharf. I would like to reiterate my concerns from my original submission regarding loosing the Marine Stewardship Council blue seal, studies on the plume and their proposed mitigation for commercial fisheries.

There is nothing the Focus Report that leads me to believe that if this project is approved in any form we will be able to keep our Marine Stewardship Council Blue Seal. Loosing this International Stamp of Environmental Sustainability will greatly effect the sale of lobster for the whole province. The is nothing in place for compensation should this be approved. In appendix 7.3 it is stated several times that rock crab is the most significant fisheries in the area, Lobster is our most significant fisheries by far and I'm sure this was done with intent to diminish the importance of the fisheries and economics in our area. Once again all our concerns have been pushed aside as there are "no residual effects associated with this project on any of the VEC" valued ecosystem component or marine environment. Also the proponent has stated that I do not commercial fish around the diffuser, I do commercial fish lobster, rock crab, herring, mackerel and scallop around the diffusers and also float my lobster in Caribou Harbour.

"Confirmation of the size of the plume once operations have begun will be needed to determine the scope of in-field biological monitoring" Appendix 7.3
"Based on predicted plume no monitoring will be required by PPER" Appendix 7.3
This statement is as empty as crab cones around Boat Harbour. There was not enough water, tide or current in Pictou Harbour and there is still not enough water, tide or current in Caribou for this project to be successful, approving this project will kill the commercial fisheries. Numerous experts and studies have stated that treated pulp effluent and the amount of fresh water being pumped on to fishing grounds will have devastating effects yet their finding are" proposed mitigation for Water

Quality due to discharge of treated effluent: overall effects are considered to be generally minor, localized and generally reversible - following the cessation of effluent discharge. - Not significant" Appendix 7.3
This Focus Report has not met the ToR in regards too 7.3 and 7.5. I ask the Minister to reject this proposed project

Sincerelv.

Central Caribou, Nova Scotia

Department of Environment,

I am writing in regards to Northern Pulp's new effluent treatment facility and 15.5 km pipe proposed to discharge up to 85 million litres of treated effluent and four tonnes of suspended solids every day into the Northumberland Strait. I would like to address losing the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) blue seal, the fact that the quality of the treated effluent will actually be worse and Appendix R Bleached Kraft Mill Effluent (BKME) effects on lobster.

I am a third generation fishermen, my grandfather and father both fished the Northumberland Strait. Fishing has changed a lot since my grandfather started, we regulate the size of our lobsters, put in escapes, use dissolving string, reduced the amount of traps we fish just to name a few of the sustainable fishing practices we use. Lobster from the Bay of Fundy, Scotian Shelf and Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence have the prestigious Marine Stewardship Council blue seal since May 2015. This is an international stamp of environmental sustainability. It opens up international markets that require third party certification. This is hard to achieve and easily lost. MSC are watching this Northern Pulp proposal very closely to see the outcome. If that certification is lost it will greatly affect the sale of lobsters from all three provinces which ship to the US, Europe and Asia. More than 3000 people make a living on the Northumberland Strait, 18,000 people are working in the fishing industry in Nova Scotia. Seafood exports is a $2 billion industry for Nova Scotia, if the blue seal of MSC is lost that number will go down significantly, this is a serious threat to the Canadian fishing industry(Dept Fisheries, Gov't of NS, NS Exports).

The Nova Scotia provincial government and Northern Pulp have both been spreading the misinformation that their treated effluent has been going out into the Strait for 50 years therefore there is nothing to worry about. This is

not true, I have witnessed it firsthand. My first year rock crab fishing I put my crab cones along the mouth of Pictou Harbour. As I fished up from Lighthouse Beach the smell became unbearable and the cone came up filled with black silt and no crab, I moved the cone away from the area and found out that was close to the Boat Harbour outfall. What I have come to learn in the past year is the way Boat Harbour treatment facility works is the treatment is completed at point C, but just because this is the end of the Boat Harbour Effluent Treatment Facility (BHETF) does not mean that is has finished treatment. It there releases into the lagoon where the water sits for 20-30 days, cooling and settling solids, then through a dam as the water levels get high and with the tide release into the Strait at Point D (Boat Harbour Map attached). It then flows back and forth within a box tide along the shore between MacKenzie Point and the end of Lighthouse Beach (Tidal Flushing of Pictou Harbour and Pictou Road, Fisheries Research Board of Canada Technical report no. 146, 1969). This is much different from the new proposed system where it will be treated for hours instead of 20-30 days, the temperature will be 25oC in the winter and 37oC in the summer (NP proposal Table 5.2-1) and relentlessly pumping out onto fishing grounds. The treated effluent quality at point C is the same quality it will be when pumped into the Strait. Both meet regulations, these regulations are not stringent enough to prevent harm, the mill is meeting regulations but their Environmental Effects Monitoring (EEM) shows Northern Pulp is doing harm to fish habitat and the only thing being done about it is every three years Environment Canada gives them recommendations (PEI Legislative Assembly Feb 1st 2019). Through a FOIPOP it was found that Northern Pulp's technical manager agrees that the effluent will actually be worse coming out of the new pipe that what is coming out of Boat Harbour now. (Email dated Nov 2017 Technical Manager Northern Pulp, Jamie Simpson FOIPOP) What is in the treated effluent that will be pumped onto our fishing grounds? It is not in the environmental assessment which states that the chemistry characteristics will not be known until the project is operational. This is a huge gap in the proposal, we do know that it contains dioxins, furans and heavy metals. Shellfish, such as scallops which I also commercially fish, absorb dioxin and furans at 25,000–50,000 times the concentration in the water. Cumulative effects would cause deformities, and embryo larval mortalities in fish, chronic effects include significant irreversible factors which jeopardize the continuance of the species and the integrity of the ecosystem (Environment Canada, 1991). Further to accumulative effects on marine life the FOIPOP done by Jamie Simpson had a letter from the Dept of Environment stating that Northern Pulp should have a study on accumulative effects of BKME on marine life, this was not completed, another gap in the EA.

After reading Appendix R of the EA I fail to see how this can even be called a study, if Stantec can run the study saying everything will meet background by 2 to 5 meters and Stantec is also in charge of running the lobster study which says because it meets background by 5 meters lobsters will not be affected. There needs to be independent third party studies done on both the plume and the effect on lobsters. Harvesters have history with Stantec (Confederation Bridge) and they have a history of not agreeing with their

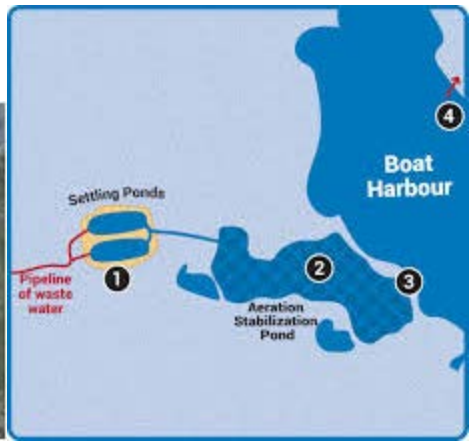
reports. The receiving water study is just a prediction, it is not factual therefore the results of Appendix R are not fact they are just a prediction based on a prediction, not very comforting to a $2 billion a year industry.

The devastating effect this could have on the commercial fishing industry cannot be overstated. The construction alone of the pipe has the potential to greatly harm the fishing industry, the frequency of daily pumping 85 million litres of hot treated effluent and four tonnes of suspended solids would cause uninhabitable conditions for marine life. As for reversibility, we need to look no further than Boat Harbour Remediation Project. This will take millions of taxpayer dollars and years to restore and that is a contained area. There will not be a remediation project large enough for the Strait, it will never recover if this proposal is approved. Therefore I ask that you reject this proposal, if you can not reject I ask that an Environment Assessment Report be completed, there is too much at risk.

Thank you Minister,

Central Caribou, Nova Scotia





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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I support the Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility Project. I want the Minister of Environment to approve the Environmental Assessment. As a 21 year old who plans to have a future in Pictou County, Northern Pulpâ?Ts annual 315 million dollar contribution to the Nova Scotian economy is essential. Northern Pulp has been and continues to make the changes needed to lower their environmental footprint. The treated effluent from the treatment facility will meet Pulp and Paper Effluent Regulations under the federal Fisheries Act. The focus report states that there will be no significant impact on marine water quality, meaning there will be no impact on the fishing industry. That result is not surprising considering treated effluent has been discharged into the Northumberland Strait since 1967 and the fishing industry continues to thrive. Fishery and forestry industries have coexisted in Nova Scotia for the last fifty years and with the new treatment facility both indust ries will continue to prosper. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: MacPhersons Mills Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Northern Pulp is committed to building a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility that reduces their environmental footprint, creates and sustains jobs, delivers significant economic benefits locally and provincially, and ensures the continued operation of Northern Pulp.Everything they are doing falls within or above the environment guidelines Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: TRENTON Postal-Code: B0K1X0 Phone: Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 69 y: 16

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: My comments come from my heart. This pulp mill has spewed out garbage for the last 50 years, when is enough enough? With the amount of tax dollars put into this business, how many other businesses could have been started and employed in our county? How long in our province with clear cutting is forestry going to be wiped out? Our native species are going to be endangered due to cutting and replanting limited species? When is what is right going to be more important that what is making more money? Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Scotsburn Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Based on my read of the Focus Report and my own investigation, the science is clear. This treatment facility will be a big improvement! I am worried that other comments and concerns will not be based on facts. If we were to take a broad view, the impact of Northern Pulps effluent on the Northumberland Strait, I have a few comments: 1. The wastewater from other industries and pulp mills further upstream in the St Lawrence River dwarfs the output of Northern Pulp. Wastewater from many industries in Ontario, Quebec, Michigan and other states flows right by Atlantic Canada. Most of that effluent is way more toxic than anything this pulp mill has ever produced. The water in the Northumberland Strait will not improve in any measure if Northern Pulp stops producing wastewater the volume of wastewater is simply insignificant compared to the volume of water in the strait 2. I would challenge government officials to compare the wastewater from most municipalities in Nova Scotia including HRMs effluent to that of Northern Pulps. The city of Halifax and other municipalities has effluent that is substantially worse for the environment that Northern Pulps wastewater. I believe the public sentiment towards Northern Pulps environmental impact in this regard is unfair. 3. If this treatment facility is not allowed to proceed and the mill is forced to close, other mills in Canada will pick up the market demand. In fact, 2 mills in Quebec are preparing for expansion to meet increasing demand in the pulp market. The wastewater from those 2 expanding mills currently reaches the St Lawrence river and flows right by Atlantic Canada. 4. All industrial activities and businesses create waste and effluent. Businesses that dont are non-existent. As a taxpayer, I have to trust that our current and future businesses are operating the best they can while still providing economic benefits to themselves, their employees, their partners AND government. Please do not artificially handicap a company that is trying to improve their environmental footprint based on public comments that have little to no basis in fact. This company is a great corporate citizen, pays its bills, is spending money to improve its footprint, supports a large sector of the rural economy and will continue to improve as long as it is allowed to operate. Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address: Municipality: Truro Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Dear Minister of Environment, I am writing in response to the Proposed Replacement of the Effluent Treatment Facility submitted by Northern Pulp. Being part of a forestry family I fully understand the extensive economic need and importance of this mill. The focus report explains how it will meet Canadian marine guidelines, and have new updated technology. Treated wastewater has been flowing into the Northumberland Strait for over 50 years while those 50 years the fishing industry has successfully fished the Strait. The focus report shows no reason for that to change. I ask you please approve this much needed project. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Lyons Brook Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Ive been on the fence but have come to the conclusion that our forestry and fishing industries will be able to thrive and co-exist with this new treatment facility and finally, and very importantly, our community can begin to heal.I believe this!! We need jobs and with this new treatment facility that will fall within the environmental guidelines Pictou County will flourish. Name:
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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: As a Registered Nurse I am very aware of the negative health and environmental impacts that allowing effluent into our waters creates. It is also a huge problem for our fisheries and our future. This is 2019. We can and should do better.Please do not allow the pipe in our Northumberland Strait. Name: Email: @ns.sympatico.ca Address: Municipality: Halifax Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: The stench from the Northern Pulp mill that the people living in Pictou Landing, Pictou, Caribou, Trenton, New Glasgow and all surrounding communities have to deal with is atrocious. It has been that way for decades. It can be smelled all the way up the coast of the Northumberland Strait some days and it is beyond imagination that people are forced to put up with this on an almost daily basis. The idea that the Northumberland Strait may also now have itâ?Ts water polluted in addition to itâ?Ts polluted air is not something that we can let happen in 2020 when we all know better. There will obviously be economic fall-our from a mill closure, but the environmental and human health fall-out from allowing the mill to continue would be far more detrimental. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Dartmouth Postal-Code: Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 53 y: 25

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Hello,

Please see attached my comments on the Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation's Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility Project focus report.

Thank you,

Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

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5 November, 2019

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Re: Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation's proposed effluent treatment facility focus report

Dear Minister Wilson,

I am a lifelong resident of Nova Scotia, and a student at Dalhousie University. It is in these capacities that I am writing this letter. My area of research is the transport of mixed-sized sediments due to forcing by waves, currents, and tides in nearshore settings. I have concerns about Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation's focus report treating the proposed construction of a replacement effluent treatment facility. Though the focus report in its entirety undoubtedly requires careful attention, I will keep my focus here to the elements of the focus report on which I am most qualified to comment: Section 4 of the report, treating "Marine Water and Marine Sediment", with particular emphasis on Section 4.3: "Sediment Transport Modeling", and its related appendix.

I am concerned about the level of analysis provided in Section 4: "Marine Water and Marine Sediment" of the focus report. First order descriptive statistics (e.g., median grain size, or D_{50}) are minimally descriptive of the particle size distribution as a whole. Indeed, the particle size distribution reported from the Crofton Mill site is bimodal (characterized by two peaks in particle size), for which D_{50} is not a meaningful measure. Furthermore, the particles from both mill sites are cohesive in nature, and the shape of the particle size distribution may not be static (note the differences in shape of the particle size distributions on pages 6 and 7 of Appendix 4.3, achieved by exposing the sample to high frequency acoustics, in order to break apart the flocculated – that is, aggregated -- particles). The proper treatment of bimodal and cohesive particle distributions requires a higher level of analysis (see, e.g., Lee et al., 2012).

Let us consider the full particle size distributions, as reported in the document, for the Howe Sound and Crofton mills. The largest 99^{th} percentile of both distributions – which still amounts to roughly 3 and 8 tonnes of sediments/day for the Crofton and Howe Sound mills, respectively (assuming 90 million fluid litres/day with solids concentrations of 0.0033 and 0.0093%/Vol.) – corresponds to particle diameters of roughly 150 micrometres. This is the same order of magnitude as the median diameter reported for the ambient sediments at the proposed diffuser site. A full particle size distribution for samples taken from

the diffuser site is not provided in the report. However, we can infer from the simplified breakdown of size components provided on p. 78, Figure 4.1-6 of the focus report document, that at least 7% of the grain size distribution at the diffuser site consists of silts and clays, which by definition (Wentworth, 1922) have diameters less than 62 micrometres – well within the range of grain sizes reported by the Crofton and Howe Sound mills.

Note that the worst case settling conditions are misreported in the focus report. In Section 4.3, p. 101, the worst case settling conditions are described as

- The mill with the **smallest** particle size (Howe Sound Pulp and Paper);
- The lowest ocean velocity (1-hr average around slack tide); and
- The lowest height in the water column (1 metre or diffuser port height).

Under this worst case condition, 90% of the total suspended solids (TSS) would be expected to deposit 4.8 km away from the diffuser. Changing the first bullet to correctly read: "The mill with the **largest** particle size (Crofton Mill)", 90% of the TSS would be deposited **1 km** from the diffuser, under the transport scheme provided.

I note, also, my strong concerns about highly simplified nature of the sediment transport analysis with regard to the Northumberland Strait system, which is subject to oscillatory forcing due to tides. In other words, a settling particle will not travel in a straight line indefinitely, and is highly likely to experience different forcing conditions than those observed at the proposed site of the effluent diffuser (e.g., Figure 4.2-4, p. 89 shows the effluent plume traveling over shallower regions near the coast, likely characterized by lower flow velocities).

Given the dynamic nature of the particle size distributions of interest, in addition to the dynamic nature of the Northumberland Strait environment in space and time, I submit that the level of analysis reported in the Sediment Transport Modeling section of the focus report is not adequate to properly characterize the near- and far-field sediment transport dynamics in the vicinity of the proposed effluent diffuser, as outlined in the NPNSC focus report.

Yours sincerely,

References:

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Wentworth, C. K. (1922). A scale of grade and class terms for clastic sediments. *The journal of geology*, *30*(5), 377-392.

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I would like to see Northern Pulp continue to operate because it is very important to the economy. Without it thousands of people will be out of work thus resulting in the loss on income tax dollars going to the government and immediate increase in unemployed workers joining the unemployment ranks. We cannot afford to loose Northern Pulp also if it stops operating the retireeâ?Ts pension will drop dramatically and possibly be extinguish completely resulting in less tax dollar to the Government. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Pictou Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Iâ?Td like to make my support known for the new state of the art waste water treatment facility for economic purposes. My forestry business supports my family, 5 employees and their families. Along with 4 log truck drivers that depend on the pulp mill operating. Also numerous other Nova Scotian businesses indirectly need the mill from equipment sales, parts and repair businesses and fuel companies. Secondly itâ?Ts needed for the purpose of utilizing wood chips from our saw mills, and utilizing all the fibre on woodlands making it possible to manage the land. I support the new state of the art water treatment plant because the treated water discharged is well under the government environmental guidelines. Piping the treated water away from the current location will make the necessary clean up of Boat Harbour easier with Northern pulp, Paper Excellence, environment department and local groups working together. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: New Germany Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I have lived with the pollution and stench of the mill for 50 of my 70 years. I have cancer and know too many others who have or had cancer. Close the mill! Name: Email: @ns.sympatico.ca Address: Municipality: Pictou Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I support the Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility Project. I want the Minister of Environment to approve the Environmental Assessment. As someone who works in the forestry sector I see Northern Pulp is committed to improving their environmental footprint. Over the past several years Northern Pulp has significantly improved their air emission and effluent quality. To continue decreasing their environmental footprint the next step is to install a industry leading effluent treatment facility. The focus report states that there will be no significant impact on any fishing or fish habitats. The treated effluent meets Pulp and Paper Effluent Regulations under the federal Fisheries Act. With the Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility, Northern be one of the most environmentally responsible mills in North America. Name: Email: @tncweb.ca Address: Municipality: MacPhersons Mills Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: The closing of this plant will affect the way of life of many people in this province. Northern Pulp is a major part of the forestry industry and directly and indirectly provides thousands of good paying jobs. Its demise would lower the standard of living and tax base for many communities over a large area. Name: Email: @gnti.ca Address: . Municipality: Upper Stewiacke Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: From what I have learned over the past several years it seems that the greater number of direct and indirect jobs in this area of our province come from the tourism and fisheries sectors. This effluent has burdened the Northumberland environment far too long. End it. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Coldbrook Station Postal-Code: B4R 1B6 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 70 y: 21

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Todayâ?Ts technology and industry experience allows for the proper measurements and monitoring of a treatment project of this type. This facility could prove to be economically beneficial to the province. Maintaining and managing one of its major assets, the forestry industry, is an aid in being a more self sufficient province. The spin offs of this treatment facility will be a step in the right direction to provide jobs and income for many families. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Labelle Postal-Code:

From:
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Cc: info@friendsofthenorthumberlandstrait.ca
Subject: In Response to Northern Pulp"s latest Focus Report Submission for their proposed ETF
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I am writing in relation to Northern Pulp's Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility Project and specifically their latest Focus Report. My name is and I live in Pictou County and have been following this issue very closely since 2007. I would like to identify some uniquenesses about Northern Pulp, some differences between the current and proposed system along with some other concerns that I feel should be taken into consideration.

A 2010 AMEC study presented to the Province of NS identified that Northern Pulp were in the 100th percentile when compared to other similar bleached kraft pulp mill's in the country for: average flow rate, COD levels and colour of effluent. And since this study was completed Northern Pulp has not reduced water consumption and still use chlorine dioxide for bleaching. Bleached kraft mills by nature are the worst polluters out of all the different types of pulp mills. The production yield of a bleached kraft mill is approximately 50% meaning that half of the tree gets used for production and the other half ends up being released into the waste stream. TMP mills like Port Hawkesbury have a production yield closer to 95% so 95% of the tree gets used and 5% ends up in the waste stream. Plus bleached kraft pulping requires the use of chemicals to break down the fibres in the wood to make pulp and the use of chlorine dioxide to bleach the pulp versus TMP mills that use thermal mechanical energy to make pulp and peroxide to whiten the product. So by nature, bleached kraft pulp mills are the worst polluters out of all the different pulping processes and Northern Pulp is in the 100 percentile for water use, COD levels and colour of effluent.

According to the KSH Engineering's projections the new AST system would be better than Northern Pulp's current system, approximately 70-30% better depending on which variable you view. However, the receiving water now for the treated effluent is the Boat Harbour Basin and not the Northumberland Strait. After leaving the Boat Harbour Treatment Facility - at point C the treated effluent is then released into the Boat Harbour Basin where it is retained for approximately 20-30 days. Point C is the federally regulated point. The new ETF would release the treated effluent directly into the Northumberland Strait without the added bonus of the 20-30 day retention time for additional cooling, dilution and settling in the large Boat Harbour Basin. The elimination of the Boat Harbour Basin is a huge factor because EEM data shows that the Basin has a large affect on effluent quality that is currently reaching the saltwater.

So the receiving water for the treated effluent is at point C where it is released into the Boat Harbour Basin. Point D is where it leaves the Boat Harbour Basin and meets the saltwater at the shoreline of Pictou Landing. EEM data from 2014 showed a significant improvement in effluent quality between points C and D. It shows an improvement in TSS of 77.6% to 80.8% during the months of October, November and December between points C and D. And during that same period it showed that BOD levels where improved between 74.1% and 77.4% between points C and D. Strangely it showed that these numbers were worse at point D during the month of August. One industry professional that we spoke with speculated that there was either a problem with how the data was collected that month or that summertime pollen and dust could have settled on the Boat Harbour Basin contributing to the results measured. But regardless it is very clear that the elimination of the Basin would have a substantial and negative impact on the effluent quality reaching the Strait. Based on the data there is enough information to conclude that the new AST system would be worse than the old facility because of the elimination of the Boat Harbour Basin. So Northern Pulp is proposing a newer and better system but a worse location and the elimination of the Boat Harbour Basin which would result in more of the toxins reaching the Northumberland Strait.

Many third party consultants that have completed studies and documents for Northern Pulp and the Province of NS including: R.V. Anderson, CBCL, Neil McCubbin, Stantec, AMEC plus an internal audit conducted by their parent company. There are known problems internally at Northern Pulp which are causing to air emissions problems (i.e. the High Level Roof Vent is identified in NPulp's current Industrial Approval). Northern Pulp's proposed AST

shows that much of the waste sludge would be burned in the power boiler. This is of great concern because the power boiler has no precipitator and there have been several reports about non-functioning scrubbers. And there is no hourly or daily monitoring of the stacks at Northern Pulp, only quarterly self-reported results conducted by Stantec who are hired by Northern Pulp.

Black liquor spills, sometimes referred to process disturbances or process upsets have been documented by third party consultants as well. These events often result in raw untreated effluent being released from treatment facilities. These statement comes from a Neil McCubbin memo to Northern Pulp dated April 6th 2015. "A few other kraft mills operate with annual average COD discharges of 15 kg/ton, demonstrating this level is attainable, but not without considerable effort. I consider that oxygen delignification, improved brown stock washing and screen-room closure, and substantially upgraded spill recovery systems for black liquor would be required to attain such a COD discharge level in the NPNS mill." The report also states, "The data in the AMEC report indicates that the sources of colour discharge are roughly one third each for brown stock washer losses, bleach plant and spills. The sources of COD are probably distributed similarly, except the condensates and causticising department will contribute some COD. These latter two sources will contribute virtually nothing to the COD of the treated effluent since the substances in them are very efficiently oxidized in any kind of biological treatment system." "COD from the bleach plant can be cut by about 40% by installing an oxygen delignification stage. This would leave the so called “spills”, which consist of accidental losses, leaks, draining equipment for maintenance, operator errors, etc. Consideration of the variations in daily COD discharges suggests to me that there is room for fairly inexpensive and substantial improvement in this area. However, it must be recognized that while spills can be reduced, one can no more eliminate spills completely than one can eliminate traffic accidents." The Neil McCubbin memo also states, "Replacing the ASB with an AST system would reduce COD discharges somewhat, probably by roughly 20%. However, the cost would be significant.

Take away points from above paragraph;
1. There are three main sources of COD at NPNS split roughly evenly in thirds between; brown stock washer loses, bleach plant and spills.
2. An oxygen delignification system (if they ever built one) would only improve the COD level from the bleach plant so 40% of one third which equals 13.333%
3. Northern Pulp would need substantial upgrades to obtain a COD discharge level that matches the level of other bleached kraft pulp mills
4. Some mills are able to reach a level of 15kg/ton. The KSH engineer numbers for the new EFT system show that Northern Pulp could reach a final COD level of approx. 34kg/ton at a flow rate of 70 million litres per day - but their flow rate is known to vary some days.

And again it has been identified that Northern Pulp uses more water per ton of production than any other pulp mill in the Country. The Province of NS is aware of this issue and NSE has listed water use reduction requirements in Northern Pulp's current Industrial Approval. In an email obtained through freedom of information the manager of Northern Pulp informed NSE recently that they will not be able to reduce their water usage moving forward with the newly proposed treatment system even though this is a requirement within the current Industrial Approval.

A study conducted by R.V. Anderson Associates studied Middle River where Northern Pulp draws it's water from. "The sustainable water withdrawal rate for the Granton water intake was determined to be 1.10 m3/s (95,040 m3/day)". "The Middle River watershed has a drainage area of 239 km2 at the water intake location in Granton." In an email to Nova Scotia Environment to Northern Pulp dated November 3, 2017 it states, "NPNS will achieve the maximum daily water consumption rate of 92,310 m3/day by the end of the current IA". "a future 2020 annual water withdrawal limit of 70,000 m3/day is now not realistic or achievable." So Northern Pulp is using almost all of the water available in a water shed area of 239 km2 and despite the requirements to reduce water use to 70,000 m3/day by 2020 they are telling Nova Scotia Environment that they will reach 92,310 m3/day by the end of the current IA.

In the EA on page 33, Northern Pulp / via Stantec (who were hired by Northern Pulp) are being very critical of the "Pilot study investigating ambient air toxics emissions near a Canadian kraft pulp and paper facility in Pictou County Nova Scotia" but they are leaving out important details from the rest of the study. According to the data collected the prevailing wind direction more often blows toward the Town of Pictou and Pictou Landing than it does toward Granton where the monitor was placed to collect the data for this study. The study concluded that "the mill is a likely contributor to increased concentrations" and "in addition, there are clear seasonal variations of meteorological conditions and VOC concentrations. Southwest PW blowing towards Pictou dominate during

summer months, when people spend more time outdoors, and consequently are exposed to higher concentrations".

Northern Pulp is trying to claim that it's really not clear that they are the source of the VOC levels found present in the air. This is a scientific, peer-reviewed study and the fact that the authors suggested that Northern Pulp is the likely source could also be taken that NP is indeed the source if the rest of the study is considered in its entirety. Given that the cancer risk thresholds were exceeded and that the scientists recommended that more monitors be located in areas of higher population wouldn't we be better served by listening to the science instead of Northern Pulp / Stantec. With all the talk about "listening to the science" why does Northern Pulp put such an effort into trying to discredit the science. Science that isn't approved by Northern Pulp and their hired consultants does not make it non-science.

So there are air emissions problems, black liquor spills at Northern Pulp and more water per ton of production being used at Northern Pulp when compared to other bleached kraft mills.

The construction of the new proposed ETF is near the Canso Chemicals plant. There is mercury buried in the ground around that area which is of great concern should it be disturbed during the construction of the new system or should it seep into the treatment system at any point.

And the bottom line is that we simply do not trust the owners of the mill to do the right thing with any aspect of their operations. We also do not trust that the government has the ability to regulate the operations of the mill. Every other mill in Canada has a precipitator on their power boilers yet Northern Pulp does not. There is no other mill in the Country that we know of that is allowed to have a "high level roof vent" which is the case at NP and which has no filtration mechanisms whatsoever. The current mill operators and the government knew about the non-functioning precipitator on the recovery boiler at Northern Pulp for years yet the mill was allowed to keep operating while knowingly poisoning the community. The government now knows about the "high level roof vent" (as addressed in the current IA) and also knows that the power boiler has no precipitator but the mill is still being allowed to operate. If Irvings in New Brunswick were operating this mill in New Brunswick they would have been forced to temporarily shut down and fix the problem. In fact, Irvings likely would have shut the mill down to make the necessary repairs without government intervention because it would ethically be the right thing to do and also necessary for maintaining their social license to operate. There is zero trust for the owners of Northern Pulp. They have lost their social licence to operate and they earned every bit of that themselves.

I'll conclude with a list of points:

1. Northern Pulp’s known and identified internal problems create a unique situation and building a new treatment system would not cure the internal problems at the mill.
2. There is an active fishing industry in the Northumberland Strait that needs to be protected.
3. Air pollution issues have not been fixed at the mill despite requests by NSE for Northern Pulp to move forward.
4. Northern Pulp uses more water per ton of production than any other mill in the country and draws upwards of 90 million litres per day from a river that drains an area of 239 square kms and has a sustained recovery rate of only 95 million litres per day. So Northern Pulp are using almost all of the water available.
5. The elimination of the Boat Harbour Basin and the change in location for the receiving water means that more pollutants would reach the Northumberland Strait than compared to the current system.
6. There would be a protest of 'never before seen in NS' proportion to stop a Boat Harbour extension and a pipe from going into the Northumberland Strait. And this will not be about a community whining that it didn't "get its way". This has been a 50 year plus battle for a lot of people.
7. Many first nations people and non-natives have had this pollution dumped on them for over 50 years. But our entire, and one and only mi'kmaq community have been victims of environmental racism for over 50 years and it must absolutely be stopped and they must be protected and respected in a real and meaningful way from this day forward.
8. The community no longer has any trust left for the mill based on NP's inaction to fix well documented problems with the mill.
9. Although the current government has made positive steps to right the wrongs there is still a lack of trust that the government can or would enforce regulations based on the fact that many of the regulations are either weak or have not been enforced in the past.

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: My family has been a part of Nova Scotia forestry for generations. I am the proud great-granddaughter of hardworking men that cut and sold wood for Bowater Mersey, worked in their camp kitchens and owned and operated small lumber mills in their community. These men not only built a life and raised their children here in Nova Scotia, they supported their community and their own employees from the renewable resource that is Nova Scotia Forestry. Now, I am the proud wife of a Nova Scotia Forester. The work is hard, the hours are long and his job and that of his employees and their families depend on the approval of the effluent treatment plant. We need a chance. Nova Scotia needs a chance to make this right. Studies indicate the treatment plant design will be state of the art and be environmentally responsible for ALL Nova Scotians fisherman, foresters and all persons who live and work in the vicinity of Northern Pulp. I fear without approval the ultimate collapse of an entire industry. The spin off employment of thousands of hardworking men and women hinges on the sale of pulpwood and wood chips to Northern Pulp from other Nova Scotia mills. Recently there has been increasing discussion critiquing both past forestry practices and past Northern Pulp practices. And now we have a answer, and chance to move forward with a new and better plan. A chance for forestry in Nova Scotia to remain a vibrant and renewable resource. A chance for the survival of Northern Pulp in Nova Scotia. I am pleading with the Nova Scotia Government, MY government, to work together with Northern Pulp to approve the new treatment facility. Letâ?Ts not have to explain to our future foresters, and my three children, why we didnâ?Tt jump on the opportunity to move forward with the new and supported environmental technology we have access to. Please. Give it a chance. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: New Germany Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I support the approval of the Environmental Assessment. I feel that the Environmental Minister needs to consider the overall effect on all of Nova Scotia if Northern Pulp is forced to shut down. The loss of thousands of jobs, and the loss of millions of dollars in taxation would be devastating to all of Nova Scotia. In the focus report, third-party evaluators have stated that the replacement effluent treatment facility will meet all environmental guidelines, which means there will be no negative impacts on the environment. The report is evidence that fishery and forestry industries can continue to co-exist in Nova Scotia. Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: MacPhersons Mills Postal-Code:

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Dear sirs/ms.

I have great sympathy for people needing employment.

The effluent from the plant is a huge problem for everyone.

Please find another solution. That anyone in this day and age is considering pouring this into the Strait is unbelievable.

I would be happy to use unbleached products, etc.

I would also be willing to donate money towards a safer process.

A fisherman's wife from P.E.I.

During the summer the clear, clean water around the Murray Islands is magical.

Thank-you,


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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: Forestry is a way of life in Nova Scotia and is important, not only to large industry, but also to individuals....VOTERS!! Name: Email: @hotmail.com Address: Municipality: North Brookfield Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: I have read and believe that the proposal submitted by Northern Pulp is based on sound scientific facts, and therefore this project should be approved. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Port Hawkesbury Postal-Code:

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Project: replacement_effluent_treatment_facility_project Comments: This is outrageous to think that in this day things like that are allowed to happen,our government needs to step up and start looking after our environment please stop this catastrophe. Name:
Email: @iclod.com Address: Municipality: Postal-Code: B3e1e7 Phone: ### ### - #### Fax: ### ### - #### email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 76 y: 42