

To The Honourable Gordon Wilson, Minister of Environment, Government of Nova Scotia

Dear Sir:

As a property owner and tax payer of Pictou County for close to 20 years, I call upon Gordon Wilson, Minister of Environment for Nova Scotia to **REJECT Northern Pulps proposal to construct an effluent treatment facility and transmission pipeline into the Northumberland Strait.**

I find it unfathomable that we are even in a position to have to fight this proposal which is flawed in so many ways. That Northern Pulp would show such disregard for the community by suggesting that they pipe heated effluent across fresh water tables and directly into a diverse breeding ground for fish, birds, and wildlife; directly into an already over-taxed water system, that in this day and age we know is increasing in temperature and decreasing in oxygen.

- **How can we possibly consider this as a viable option when new information (United Nations IPPC report) as recent as Sept of 2019 highlights the critical state of our oceans.**

“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?”

— Christina McKay, Moodys Cove, Pictou Landing

- **The diffuser system being proposed in a body of water that regularly freezes is a disaster waiting to happen!**

“Sometimes the ice would drag them [navigation buoys] for miles. Buoy anchors are 2000 lb blocks with 500 lbs of chain on them”

— Rob MacKay, Master Diver, Pictou County, NS

- **Northern Pulp should demonstrate their commitment to the entire community by investing in a closed loop system, not discarding it as a non viable option.**

“The market profile does not say that changing production to a closed loop system would be unprofitable for NPNS .”

— Eco Justice

The Provincial Government is charged with the responsibility to improve the life of its citizens. Don't solve one problem by shifting it onto others within the community.

Are you prepared to risk Nova Scotia's reputation for being Canada's Seafood export powerhouse and Canada's Ocean playground. This is what is at stake, not to mention the overall health and well being of the Pictou County community.

Respectfully,

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