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Re: Northern Pulp Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility

Minister McKenna and Minister LeBlanc,

We write as Co-Chairs of the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs (ANSMC) in response to significant concerns raised by Pictou Landing First Nation on the above noted. The ANSMC adamantly supports Pictou Landing First Nation's request for the Northern Pulp Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility be designated as a project for a federal environmental assessment under subsection 14(2) of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEAA 2012).

The provincial environmental assessment process under the Nova Scotia Environment Act does not allow for sufficient opportunity for meaningful and adequate consultation with respect to traditional and current use activities as well as continued impacts to Mi'kmaq Rights and Title. Like Pictou Landing First Nation, we also remain concerned that the Northern Pulp Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility will have impacts on our Mi'kmaq fisheries, including but not limited to, Food-Social-Ceremonial fisheries and Communal Commercial licenses. The ANSMC has significant concerns regarding ongoing and future impacts to fish and fish habitat.


We therefore respectfully request your commitment to carefully consider the designation of this project for a federal environmental assessment, and work collaboratively with us to avoid any further harm to our fish and fish habitat.

We look forward to a timely response.

Yours in Recognition of Mi'kmaq Rights and Title,



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