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Premier MacNeil
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Dear Premier MacNeil:

RE: Northern Pulp & Northumberland Strait

I urge you and your Government's Department of Environment, and other involved departments, not to approve, nor allow, the effluent of Northern Pulp to be piped into the Northumberland Strait.

The chemical toxins being emitted from this old and outdated facility, directly into the Northumberland Strait, will have a profound and permanent negative impact on:

- The tourism industry, operators, investors, and employment;
- The fishing industry of all types, both jobs, livelihood and marketability of product;
- On the attraction and retention of employees of all other businesses; and
- On the recreational use and health and wellness of our children and grandchildren and yes, long-term outlook for future growth, prosperity of our region.

Just to name a few.

As you well know the Northern Pulp's Bleached Kraft Pulp Mill effluent currently goes to their "existing settling ponds" in Pictou Landing. "After treatment", it then flows into Boat Harbour and was originally promised to have no impact on quality of water or recreational use of Boat Harbour.

Boat Harbour is, as we all know, now a chemical toxic waste dump.

This once, pristine very large body of water has, in reality, become a “very large” secondary settling pond.

The new proposed settling pond at Abercrombie Point will, in reality, not be materially any better. They will still be using 90+ million litres of water per day!

The new proposed pipe into the Northumberland Strait will, given its significant current flows, turn Pictou Harbour and yes major sections of the Northumberland Strait, into a larger chemical toxic waste dump. (Hence major concerns of other Maritime Provinces)

The residents of Abercrombie will become the new Pictou Landing residents and will have to suffer with the same health impacts associated with the Northern Pulp’s effluent settling pond.

The reputational damage to the Province of Nova Scotia will be un-repairable. Our provincial environmental governance is unfortunately well below acceptable standards in this day and age. Opportunity exists through legislation for your government to stiffen Nova Scotia environmental standards and enforcements.

Again Mr. Premier, I urge you not to approve this proposed effluent pipe into the Northumberland Strait.

Sincerely,

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Paul D. Sobey