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MEDIA ADVISORY

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## NO PIPE COURTHOUSE RALLY IN SUPPORT OF FISHERMEN DECEMBER !8, 1pm - HALIFAX NS

Halifax, Nova Scotia: On Tuesday December 18, 1pm citizens will show their support outside the Nova Scotia Supreme courthouse for fishermen named in an action against them by Northern Pulp.

Northern Pulp is asking for an ex parte injunction against fishermen who protested against a survey boat doing work in Northumberland Strait fishing grounds. Northern Pulp has also filed for a claim of damages against the fishermen.

Citizens are also gathering in support of no pulp effluent in the Northumberland Strait and to support the closure of Boat Harbour on schedule.

At the heart of the issue is Northern Pulp's proposed new effluent treatment system. The system would pipe waste effluent from the Abercrombie Point mill into the Northumberland Strait, home to rich lobster, crab, scallop, herring and mackerel fisheries and spawning grounds. Northern Pulp's proposed new system is planned to replace the existing Boat Harbour treatment facility that will be closed and begin environmental clean-up in 2020 in accordance with the Nova Scotia Boat Harbour Act. Northern Pulp has recently indicated they will be asking the Nova Scotia Government for an extension to the Boat Harbour Closure date. Pictou Landing First Nation is apposed to any extension and expect Boat Harbour to close on schedule.

When: Tuesday, December 18, 1pm - 2pm

Where: Nova Scotia Supreme Courthouse - Courtyard, 1815 Upper Water Street, Halifax

**Note:** Activities are pending weather conditions