



June 26, 2018

To: Catherine McKenna
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
200 Sacré-Coeur Boulevard
Gatineau, QC
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Re: Request for Designation for CEAA Federal Assessment - Northern Pulp Effluent Treatment Facility

Dear Minister McKenna.

We are writing to support the request from fishers' organizations in Nova Scotia, PEI and New Brunswick as well as Pictou Landing First Nation to have the Northern Pulp Effluent Treatment Project designated a project for Federal Environmental Assessment under Section 14 of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) 2012.

The project has the potential for adverse environmental effects on the marine environment in the Northumberland Strait, which could negatively impact residents in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, as well as First Nation communities.

The potential risks involved in the proposal have become matters of deep public concern. A growing number of organizations and elected representatives in all three provinces are questioning whether the proponent and the Province of Nova Scotia are doing enough to mitigate the project's risks.

The Nova Scotia Department of Environment's decision to subject the project to a Class I environmental assessment instead of the more rigorous Class II process is not responsible in our view, and has undermined public trust. A Federal environmental assessment that includes an independent panel, engages in significant public consultation, and considers third-party, science-based appraisals of



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the project can restore public confidence. A Federal environmental assessment is also necessary to consult more adequately with impacted First Nations, and parties outside of Nova Scotia's jurisdiction.

Sincerely,



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