



Media Alert  
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## **A Statement from Northumberland Strait Fishermen**

Pictou, NS: A group of fishermen from several ports along the Northumberland Strait notified Friends of the Northumberland Strait (FONS) this morning that they will be protesting at the mouth of Pictou Harbour starting today.

The fishermen have decided to take a proactive approach to reduce the risk of an altercation on the open water with the survey boat hired by Northern Pulp. The boat was hired to carry out a survey for Northern Pulp's proposed new route for an effluent pipe and was turned back by fishermen last week. The fishermen asked FONS to share the following information with the media and the public.

### **Fishermen's statement:**

With no communication from Northern Pulp or the provincial government in over a week, we have concerns that the survey boat hired by Northern Pulp may plan to try again this week to survey near Caribou Island, the ferry channel and Caribou Wharf.

We are determined that Northern Pulp's effluent pipe will not go in at Caribou, or anywhere else in the Northumberland Strait.

We will have fishing boats at the mouth of Pictou Harbour today, to let the survey boat know that there will be boats here every day to protect our Strait. We plan to continue our protest for as long as we need to, to keep the survey boat from leaving Pictou Harbour.

It is crab fishing season, and the Caribou channel where the boat wants to survey and where Northern Pulp wants to run its effluent pipe, is filled with crab gear. Crabbing will continue until the end of November.

The Northumberland Strait is a delicate ecosystem and we will not allow it to be destroyed.

Northern Pulp and the Nova Scotia government have been told for a year now that an effluent pipe in the Northumberland Strait is unacceptable.

Northern Pulp and the Nova Scotia government are not listening. Maybe now the mill and the government will understand that fishermen are serious about #NOPIPE.

Our message to the public - We fishermen have this covered on the water, where we work. You can help on land by letting Premier Stephen McNeil know two things:

1. There cannot be an effluent pipe in the Strait.
2. Boat Harbour must close on schedule.