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Subject: Proposed Quarry - Little River - Digby County

Hello Bob. This e-mail is a follow-up to several discussions I have had with your shop recently. I understand the proponent is now applying for a quarry of under 4 hectares. A quarry of this size will not trigger the need for an environmental assessment under your legislation.

We have on file here a copy of an original draft submission showing that the Southern Stone Company Incorporated has entered into a 30 year lease agreement to extract aggregate from a 350 acre parcel of land.

I believe the company intends to get much larger. Because they have not applied at this time for a wharf, we have no legislative trigger to request an environmental assessment.

Our Marine Mammal Coordinator, Jerry Conway has express significant concerns about possible blasting impacts on marine mammals in the area. Jerry wanted documented proof the charges to be employed would not have any disruptive influence on the species. I am sure the local people who make their living charting vessels to tourist wishing to see the whales would be equally concerned.

I would appreciate the following two clauses be added to your permit:

- ✓ 1. All blasting would be in accordance with Guidelines for the Use of explosives In or Near Canadian Fisheries Waters; and
 - ✓ 2. A report be completed in advance of any blasting activity verifying the intended charge size ^{and blast design} will not have an impact on marine mammals in the area.
- This is of particular importance because in the draft submission, the proponent only intended one blast per month. Needless to say, it would be a big one.

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This report shall be submitted to the DFO and written acceptance of the report shall be received from DFO before blasting commences.