

Notes from the Meeting Between DFO-HMD and Bilcon of Nova Scotia February 7, 2005

In attendance: Paul Buxton - Project Manager, Bilcon
Dave Kearn - Environmental Consultant, Bilcon
Marci Penney-Ferguson - Section Head, DFO-HMD
Phil Zamora – Habitat Management Biologist, DFO-HMD
Thomas Wheaton - Area Habitat Coordinator – DFO
Brian Jollymore - Habitat Management Biologist, DFO-HMD

This meeting was scheduled as a follow-up to the December 10, 2004 meeting.

HADD of fish habitat

The Proponent stated that they had made the appropriate minor changes on the application for a HADD authorization (company name, addition of Transport Canada as the new department for NWP, and a revision of start/end dates). There are no changes in plans from their earlier submission of the application in 2003.

Bilcon wishes to work cooperatively with DFO to achieve a fish habitat compensation plan that will satisfy DFO's Policy for the Management of Fish Habitat and benefit the community. They will be looking to DFO for guidance. DFO stated that the, although the plan needs to meet the approval of DFO, its development and implementation is the responsibility of the proponent. DFO will provide guidance.

Blasting

DFO provided the proponent with a paper entitled "Practical Methods to Reduce Ammonia and Nitrate Levels in Mine Water" by Gordon F. Revey on mitigation measures for the use of ANFO (ammonium nitrate-fuel oil) based explosives. DFO's explosives expert has said that if the mitigation that has been proposed by the proponent and the recommendations outlined in the paper by Gordon Revey were incorporated into the blasting plan, there will be little in the way of residual impacts accruing from this aspect of the proposal.

