

Derek:

I attended the hearings which were held Jan 6 – 9 in four different locations. I have listed these and the number of registered presenters as follows: (there were also written submissions submitted the Panel which will be available to the public in the CEAA web-site, as well as transcripts of the presentations at the hearings).

Digby Neck attendance	Jan 6	10 registered presenters	approx. 130
Digby	Jan 7	9 registered presenters	approx. 80 attendance
Wolfville	Jan 8	7 registered presenters	approx. 60 attendance
Meteghan attendance	Jan 9	2 registered presenters	approx. 50

The hearings were very well organized and the presentations were well prepared and professionally delivered. I took notes from the presentations and I have tallied the number of times various issues were addressed. Keep in mind that these are from my own notes and I could certainly have missed something. Also, after written submissions are tallied (and these can be submitted until Jan 21/05), the numbers could look very different. However, I thought it would be worth sharing this with you as a point for further discussion at the next Federal Liaison Committee meeting (feel free to share this with other members prior to the meeting). I did not make it to the Meteghan meeting because only 2 presenters were registered to speak. However I was told by the Secretariat that no new issues were addressed there.

Issue	# of times addressed
Traditional Values/ Knowledge (historic, spiritual, social)	15
Fisheries/ Fishers	9
Integrity of the Proponent	9
Need for Project	5
NAFTA	5
Ballast Water/ Invasive Species	5
Precautionary Principle	5
Compensation for losses	5

Socio-economic	5	
Tourism	4	
Human Health	4	
Coastal Degradation	4	
Increased CO2 emissions	3	
Freshwater (surface)	3	
Groundwater	3	
Unpredictable weather of the Bay of Fundy		3
Cumulative effects	3	
Marine Mammals	2	
First Nations	1	
Blasting	1	
Species at Risk	1	
Wildlife	1	
Decommissioning	1	

I will try to answer any questions that may arise from this summary at the next meeting or I can be reached at 902-426-4692 or by e-mail.

Cheers, Phil