

Mr Bob Petrie, District Manager  
Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour  
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Dear Mr. Petrie:

**RE: Tiverton Quarry**

It has been brought to our attention that the assessment of the Tiverton Quarry project did not fully consider potential impacts of blasting on inner Bay of Fundy (iBoF) Atlantic salmon. The iBoF Atlantic salmon is listed as endangered by the Committee on Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) and included on Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act (SARA) that came into effect on June 5, 2003.

DFO recommends that the blasting plan for this quarry operation be reviewed with full consideration given to iBoF Atlantic salmon. DFO is prepared to participate in this review and comment on any potential adverse environmental effects associated with the blasting plan as proposed. Should the review identify potential adverse effects, DFO's recommendation would be to advise the proponent of its options to revise the blasting plan in order to mitigate potential effects, or alternatively to apply for an authorization pursuant to the *Fisheries Act* S. 32 to destroy fish by means other than fishing.

Further, depending on the outcome of the review, we expect that your department may wish to take these potential effects into consideration and amend your approval.

Sincerely,

Thomas Wheaton  
Area Habitat Chief  
Southwest Nova Scotia