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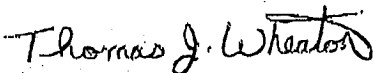
RE: Parker Mountain Aggregates Ltd., Quarry Development, Tiverton, Digby County .

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Habitat Management Division (DFO-HMD) has now completed our internal review of the 'Proposed Blast Design Plan' submitted by the proponent in support of their proposed 2004 quarry operations. The DFO-HMD review took into consideration the presence of the endangered inner Bay of Fundy (iBoF) Atlantic salmon and the endangered North Atlantic Right Whale as required under the Species at Risk Act (SARA) that came into effect on June 5, 2003. DFO-HMD also considered the local presence of an identified Herring spawning area.

After careful review of the blasting design and the set-back distances, DFO-HMD is of the opinion that there should be no adverse impacts to either of the identified endangered species or the Herring Spawning area from this activity.

If you have any questions or should there be any changes to the proposed work, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (902) 742-0873 or (902) 527-5596.

Respectfully,



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A/Area Habitat Chief

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