

**LeBlanc, Kevin**

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**From:** Balaban, Mihai  
**Sent:** October 25, 2007 5:07 PM  
**To:** LeBlanc, Kevin; Auffrey, Ozzie; NWPP Public Mailbox  
**Cc:** Landry, Maurice  
**Subject:** RE: Release of the WPQ Panel Report

Hi Kevin:

I made some revisions in the text below.

regards,

Mihai Balaban

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**From:** LeBlanc, Kevin  
**Sent:** October 25, 2007 4:28 PM  
**To:** Balaban, Mihai; Auffrey, Ozzie; NWPP Public Mailbox  
**Cc:** Landry, Maurice  
**Subject:** RE: Release of the WPQ Panel Report

Proposed draft response given my review of the report and the specific recommendations related to TC.  
Your suggestions are greatly appreciated:

TC response to WPQ EA decision  
October 25, 2007

EA decision

Fisheries and Oceans Canada, together with Transport Canada, have taken into careful consideration the report and its recommendations. With the approval of the Governor in Council, both Responsibilities Authorities under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, have made their formal response to the report.

Transport Canada supports the Panel's recommendation to the Minister of Environment (Canada) to reject the proposal made by Bilcon of Nova Scotia to create the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal. This is based on the Panel's decision that the Project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects that cannot be justified in the circumstances.

Ballast Water Control and Management Regulations

Transport Canada recognized the importance of applying the appropriate ballast water management measures in order to avoid and/or minimize the introduction of invasive species into waters under Canadian jurisdiction, from foreign waters. Transport Canada commissioned a study in 2004 that supported the changes in the current regulations. Transport Canada will continue to consult with the appropriate federal authorities and work with the industry, scientific community and environmental groups and will consider any recommendations made with respect to improving the Ballast Water Control and Management Regulations[.

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TC commissioned a study of Ballast water in 2004 (Carver and Mallet 2004)

Cheers,

Kevin

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**From:** LeBlanc, Kevin

**Sent:** October 25, 2007 11:04 AM

**To:** NWPP Public Mailbox; Balaban, Mihai; Auffrey, Ozzie

**Cc:** Landry, Maurice

**Subject:** RE: Release of the WPQ Panel Report

**Importance:** High

Hello to all / Bonjour à tous,

Just as a quick update on this file. Overall, there is still a strong possibility that TC may have to provide a response to the first recommendation, i.e. project likely to cause significant environmental effects, through a Memorandum to Cabinet to conclude the Panel process. Secondly, in the likely case that we support the EA decision, we may want to respond to the additional recommendation that touches TC mandate, i.e. Ballast Water Regs. Please advise.

DFO is leading the formal response on behalf of the federal government for this project. I will be drafting text today in the event that it is required (I will be advised sometime tomorrow on the requirement for the MC). I would like to get our text to them by Monday afternoon, October 29, at the latest. Please suggest Program-related language that you feel may be relevant to the TC response.

Maurice, I would like for TC communication to revise the text to make sure I am consistent with past TC communication on this project, or other related items as per TC mandate. Please advise.

Thanks for your assistance.

Kevin

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**From:** LeBlanc, Kevin

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**Cc:** Whyte, Margie  
**Subject:** FW: Release of the WPQ Panel Report

Dear TC colleagues,

Please be advised that the JRP Report for the White's Point Quarry Project has been released to the public today (the links are located below). I would draw your immediate attention to the Executive summary and page 107 of the report. Overall, the federal environmental assessment does not support the project as presented.

Environmental Affairs of TC, in collaboration with DFO, both Responsible Authorities under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, must prepare a Memorandum to Cabinet as a response to the Minister of Environment on the outcomes and recommendations of this report.

There is no set timeline on the MC at the moment, however, I will need to capture your respective input within the MC. From there, we would have you review the draft MC for its completeness prior to final submission.

Give me a call if you have further questions. As you, I will be reading the document in full to make sure we capture all comments related to TC.

Regards,

Kevin

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**From:** Myles, Debra [CEAA] [mailto:Debra.Myles@ceaa-acee.gc.ca]

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**Subject:** Release of the WPQ Panel Report

Dear Federal colleagues

The Ministers released the JRP Report at 9:00 am EDST/10:00 local time this morning. Please find the Joint News Release, below.

The Report is available on the NSEL Web site in English and the Executive Summary is available on the Agency Web site in English and French. Both these links may be accessed through the News Release.

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**Governments of Canada and Nova Scotia Release Findings of the Joint  
Review Panel for the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal  
Project**

**OTTAWA/HALIFAX, October 23, 2007** - The Honourable John Baird, Minister of the Environment and Minister responsible for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the Honourable Mark Parent, Nova Scotia Minister of Environment and Labour, today released the findings of the Joint Review Panel's report on the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project in Digby County.

The ministers thank the Joint Review Panel and congratulate the chair and members for conducting a thorough, open and transparent review of the project. The Joint Review Panel was mandated by the federal and provincial ministers to assess the environmental effects of the proposed project.

Both governments will now take the time required to carefully review the Joint Review Panel's findings. The Government of Canada, under the lead of Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Transport Canada, will prepare a response to the report and submit it to the Governor in Council for approval. The response will then be made public.

Minister Parent will consider the panel's conclusion and recommendations and will make public his decision on the project pursuant to the Nova Scotia *Environment Act*.

An executive summary of the report can be found in both official languages on the Web site of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency at [www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca](http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca) . The joint panel report is available on the Nova Scotia Environment and Labour Web site at [www.gov.ns.ca/enla](http://www.gov.ns.ca/enla) .

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