
Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project
Joint Review Panel
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Faith G Scattolon
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Fisheries and Oceans Canada
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Dear Ms. Scattolon:

On November 5, 2004, the federal Minister of the Environment and the Nova Scotia Minister of Environment and Labour established the Joint Review Panel for the environmental assessment of the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project.

The Panel believes that participation by federal and provincial departments and agencies in the environmental assessment is required to ensure that we collect all necessary information prior to submitting our report to both levels of government. The Panel will be holding public hearings in Digby, Nova Scotia commencing on June 16, 2007.

Accordingly, we request that representatives from Fisheries and Oceans Canada appear on Wednesday, June 20 to give a presentation and be prepared to answer questions from the Panel and the hearing participants. The Panel would like the department to present its views on environmental effects associated with the project including comments on the adequacy of the proponent's responses to your comments on the EIS.

Be advised that the Panel has scheduled a thematic session on June 20 to cover all aspects of the marine environment including marine species at risk with an emphasis on potential effects arising from vessel traffic and blasting and effects relating to commercial fisheries. Your department should expect to engage in a detailed discussion of these topics.

A representative of your department is asked to contact Debra Myles, Panel Manager, at (613) 957-0626 to schedule an appearance on June 20, 2007.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Fournier, Chair

c.c. Mark McLean, Senior Analyst, Environmental Assessment and Major Projects Division