

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADM OCEANS

**PROPOSED DEEP WATER PIERS  
WHITES COVE, DIGBY COUNTY, NOVA SCOTIA**

(Information Only)

**SUMMARY**

- There has been considerable media interest in a proposed deep water terminal at Whites Cove, Digby County, Nova Scotia.
- The project includes the development of a quarry and a deep water terminal.
- The proponent has indicated they will be submitting a revised proposal. They have not done so as of May 10, 2002.

**Background**

- Nova Stone Exporters have made application to the Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWPA) for the construction of dolphins, February 6, 2002.
- Habitat Management Division received a copy of their application from the NWPA for information only.
- NWP contacted proponent March 02, 2002 requesting revised plans. The proponent agreed to send engineered drawings when available. NWP advised the proponent that when these are received, the file would be reactivated.
- On April 9, 2002, a principal with the company informed Habitat Management they would be submitting a revised proposal.
- A letter was sent to the proponent confirming this and he was told that the file would be closed based on this conversation until a revised proposal was submitted.
- As of May 10, 2002, HMD or NWP has not received the revised proposal.

**Analysis / DFO Comment**

- The media attention has centred mainly on the quarry aspects of this proposal.
- Although the original proposal indicated the use of three dolphin piers, DFO does not have a revised proposal.

**Recommendation / Next Steps**

- DFO does not have a revised proposal from the proponent. When one is received, DFO will determine if the proposal must be reviewed under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.
- The opportunity for public comment will be provided through the usual channels under the Public Registry established in such cases.

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 Objet: **Briefing Note: Proposed Deep Water Piers, White's Cove,  
 Digby County, Nova Scotia**

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**Proposed Deep Water Piers, Digby County, NS**

Attached is a memorandum regarding the proposed deep water piers in White's Cove, Digby County, NS for information.

If you wish a more detailed briefing, please advise.

Neil A. Bellefontaine

**Attachments**

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**From:** Avery, Jane  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2002 4:07 PM  
**To:** Gough, Joanne; McDonald, Melissa  
**Subject:** FW: BRIEFING NOTES

Hi, guys.

Joanne - This is the FINAL version of that Digby Quarry briefing note for ADM, Oceans, as revised by Neil's office. Pls. note the ADDITIONAL cover memo that is also required from now on when we do these BNs (!!!)

Melissa - FYI. You may use the formatting of the attached files for all future briefing notes.

Jane

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