

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTER

**PROPOSED QUARRY AND MARINE TERMINAL
GULLIVER'S COVE, DIGBY COUNTY, NOVA SCOTIA**

(Information Only)

SUMMARY

- The project includes the development of a quarry and deep water terminal.
- This project appears similar to the proposed Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal project currently proceeding to a Joint Review Panel.

Background

- The project is being proposed by an Italian Consortium that owns 2000 acres east of Gulliver's Cove, Digby County, Nova Scotia. This site is 25 kilometres to the east of the proposed Whites Point Quarry.
- On September 25, 2003 a meeting was held including participants from Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour (NSDOE), DFO's Habitat Management Division (HMD), the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA), and a consultant working on behalf of the proponent.
- The consultant expressed interested in developing a basalt quarry operation within the 2000 acres.
- NSDOE, HMD, and CEAA explained the regulatory processes likely to be involved.
- A deep water marine terminal will be required for supporting marine vessels with a minimum capacity of 60,000 tonnes.
- The project planning is at a preliminary stage and no detailed plans are available.

Analysis / DFO Comment

- DFO is not aware of any public knowledge of this proposal.
- Public interest is expected to be similar to that of the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal project.
- The consultant will report his findings to the proponent and seek direction whether or not to proceed.

Recommendations/Next Steps

- DFO will continue to track this proposal. No regulatory steps will be taken until a detailed project description is submitted by the proponent.

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