



Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Habitat Management Division
280 Logan Road
Bridgewater, NS
B4V 3X1

DFO File #. 03-FCR-020

February 14, 2003

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Suite 200
1801 Hollis Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3J 3N4

Attention: Mr. Derek McDonald

Dear Sir:

RE: Proposed Quarry and Marine Terminal at Whites Point, Digby Neck, Nova Scotia

Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Habitat Management Division - (DFO-HMD) received the 'Draft Project Description' for the proposed quarry and marine terminal from your agency on February 6, 2003. The covering letter requested that DFO-HMD review the information and confirm whether or not the information provided in the draft project description is adequate for Federal Coordination purposes.

After careful review of the document, DFO-HMD has concluded that additional information is required to determine whether or not we are likely to be a Responsible Authority (RA).

DFO-HMD needs more detailed information on the nearshore fish habitat in the area of the proposed marine terminal, dimensions of the marine terminal including: the proposed piles, construction details (type and duration), impacts to tidal and nearshore currents, effluent discharge quality and quantity, etc. DFO-HMD also requires detailed information on the impacts of blasting to the tidal and nearshore environment.

Canada

02/14/03 FRI 16:56 [TX/RX NO 8696]

Mr. Thomas Wheaton

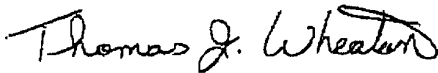
2

February 14, 2003

Once DFO-HMD has received the required additional information, we will continue our review of the proposal related to impacts on fish habitat.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Phil Zamora at the Regional headquarters in Dartmouth (902-426-4692) or Mr. Peter Winchester, Area Habitat Co-ordinator for Southwest Nova Scotia (902-742-0873).

Respectfully,



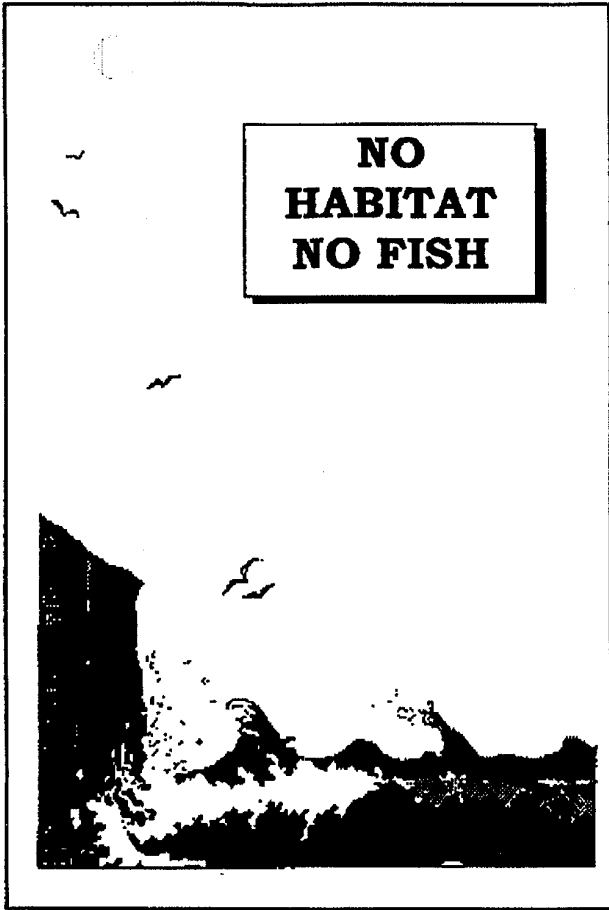
Thomas J. Wheaton
Habitat Management Officer

Attach.

copy: HMD Referrals
Phil Zamora, DFO-HMD
Peter Winchester, DFO-HMD

Canada

02/14/03 FRI 16:56 [TX/RX NO 8696]



**Fisheries and Oceans
Habitat Management
Division
Maritimes Region**

**Pêche et Océans
Division des gestion de
l'habitat
Région des Maritimes**

Pages to follow : 2

Date : 17 Feb 03

From Fax : 1-902-426-1489

From Voice # :

From: *Phil Z.*

To: *Derek McDonald
CEA*

Fax # *6-6550*

**Habitat Management
Division, DFO
P.O. Box 1006
1 Challenger Drive,
5th Fl, Polaris Bldg.
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
B2Y 4A2**

Notes: *Derek.
As per our conversation.
Cheers.
Phil.*