

White's Point Quarry and Marine Terminal EIA Press Conference by ENGOS opposing the proposed project

Date: Monday June 18

Time: 12:30 pm

Location: Digby Pines

News Release

Why would we blow up this beautiful part of Nova Scotia to pave highways in New Jersey? This quarry puts the Bay of Fundy at risk. It puts the communities of Digby Neck at risk. The damage done can never be reversed.

--Partnership for the Sustainable Development of Digby Neck and Islands Society

Clean Annapolis River Project is concerned that the White's Point Quarry and Marine Terminal project may set a precedent for the proliferation of additional quarries along the Bay of Fundy coast, to supply to a growing American market for aggregate.

--Clean Annapolis River Project

CPAWS Nova Scotia urges full consideration of the high conservation value of the Digby Neck and Islands area, and the impacts that large-scale industrial development could have on this ecologically important yet vulnerable marine and coastal ecosystem.

--Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society – Nova Scotia

Allowing large portions of Nova Scotia's coastline to be blasted and carried away sets a dangerous precedent. This is but one of the heavy industrial activities threatening Nova Scotia's coasts and which are being approved and carried out in a piece meal fashion because the province lacks a provincial coastal policy. Nova Scotia needs a coastal policy to avoid the expense and time spent by communities fighting something that they don't want in the first place. Planning documents, developed in consultation with the people who live and work in the community, provide guidelines and establish a framework for what is appropriate and what should or should not be considered in a particular area.

--Ecology Action Center

The historical record of the environmental assessment process on the proposed quarry for Digby Neck clearly demonstrates that the proponent has repeatedly failed to provide adequate responses to specific questions posed by the review panel, preferring instead to submit incomplete, vague, and misleading information to the review panel. If past is prologue, it is reasonable to conclude that the quarry on Digby Neck, if permitted to go forward, has a high probability of causing significant adverse effects to the regions' eco-system and traditional coastal communities throughout the province.

-- Council of Canadians – Annapolis Valley

Sierra Club of Canada is bringing in national and international experts to participate in these hearings, to show the Panel that for many reasons this is the wrong place for a massive export quarry. From greenhouse gas emissions to impacts on the critically endangered right whale, we have seen no evidence that the impacts of the quarry can be mitigated. This is simply the wrong place for this type of quarry. It is our hope that these proceedings will result in the only fair recommendation for this region: no quarry on Digby Neck.

-- Sierra Club of Canada –Atlantic Canada Chapter

Organizations to be represented at News Conference

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