



March 17, 2020

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RE: 2020 Project Development Notification

Dear Mr. MacPherson :

Summerside Port Corporation Inc. (SPCI) would like to provide an update to the PEI Fishermen's Association of an active project and proposed project located within the Summerside Harbour and Bedeque Bay, adjacent to Summerside, Prince Edward Island (the "Property"), for the purpose of a dredging program to maintain the existing navigation channel. You are being provided notification as you have requested additional information or have been identified as a key stakeholder within the Project Area in previous correspondence.

SPCI provided notification of the proposed Project Phases in early February. The two phases are separate projects and include the following (Figure 1):

**Phase 1** - Dredging of the navigation channel and turning basin into the Summerside Harbour. In the fall of 2019, the navigation channel and turning basin were to be dredged to the minimum depth of -6.7 m CD (Chart Datum). Due to weather and ice conditions, the contractor was not able to remove all the material from the DMMUs, and will be seeking permission to complete the dredging from May 1 to June 10, 2020 in the areas identified on Figure 1. The work activities in 2020 will be a continuation of the Project (Figure 1). Phase 1 has two regulatory approvals Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) Disposal at Sea Permit (File: ATL-00047-1: Issued June 10, 2019, Expiry June 10, 2020) and a Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) *Fisheries Act* Authorization (File:17-HGLF-00309, Issued October 23, 2018, updated May 23, 2019).

**Phase 2** – Dredging of the West Berth, located adjacent to the SPCI Marine Terminal facilities. The objective is to restore to a minimum depth of -8.45 m CD. Since the completion of the last dredging program in 1998, West Berth has experienced some infilling that exceeds the design elevation of -8.45 m CD. New applications will be required for Phase 2.

As part of the regulatory engagement, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) Shellfish Water Classification Program – Atlantic Group has recommended a precautionary 300m emergency closure be enacted around the disposal site (Summerside Scow B) to address potential sanitary concerns (Figure 1). The closure would be precautionary in nature, as data in regards to fecal coliform concentrations in sediments was not included. This closure would be limited to the Approved shellfish area and would not affect the adjacent Restricted area (Figure 1). This closure would be recommended for a period covering the dredging window and up to 21 days following the conclusion of dredging to allow for settling of disturbed materials.



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The Aquaculture Management Division of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), anticipates that the emergency closure that ECCC recommend around the disposal site will have no impact on aquaculture during both dredging windows (May 1 – June 30 and October 14 to December 31).

We are presently working with regulatory agencies to amended existing permits for the Phase 1 Program. New applications have been submitted for Phase 2 activities. ECCC and DFO will be responsible for assessing the Projects and ensuring that it meets the regulatory requirements. SPCI will also be working with DFO regarding the completion and monitoring of approved off-setting and compensation programs.

Stakeholder consultation / engagement activities are open and ongoing for the Project. Activities include the notification of the project to PEI Aboriginal groups and local PEI fishermen groups.

Upon review of this letter, we ask that you please identify any concerns your Group may have regarding the Project. To our knowledge, there is a mechanical bar clam licence that could be fished in that area from May 1st to Oct 15. SPCI would be pleased to provide any additional information associated with the Project or arrange a meeting to address any questions or concerns, at the request of PEI Fishermen's Association. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely submitted,

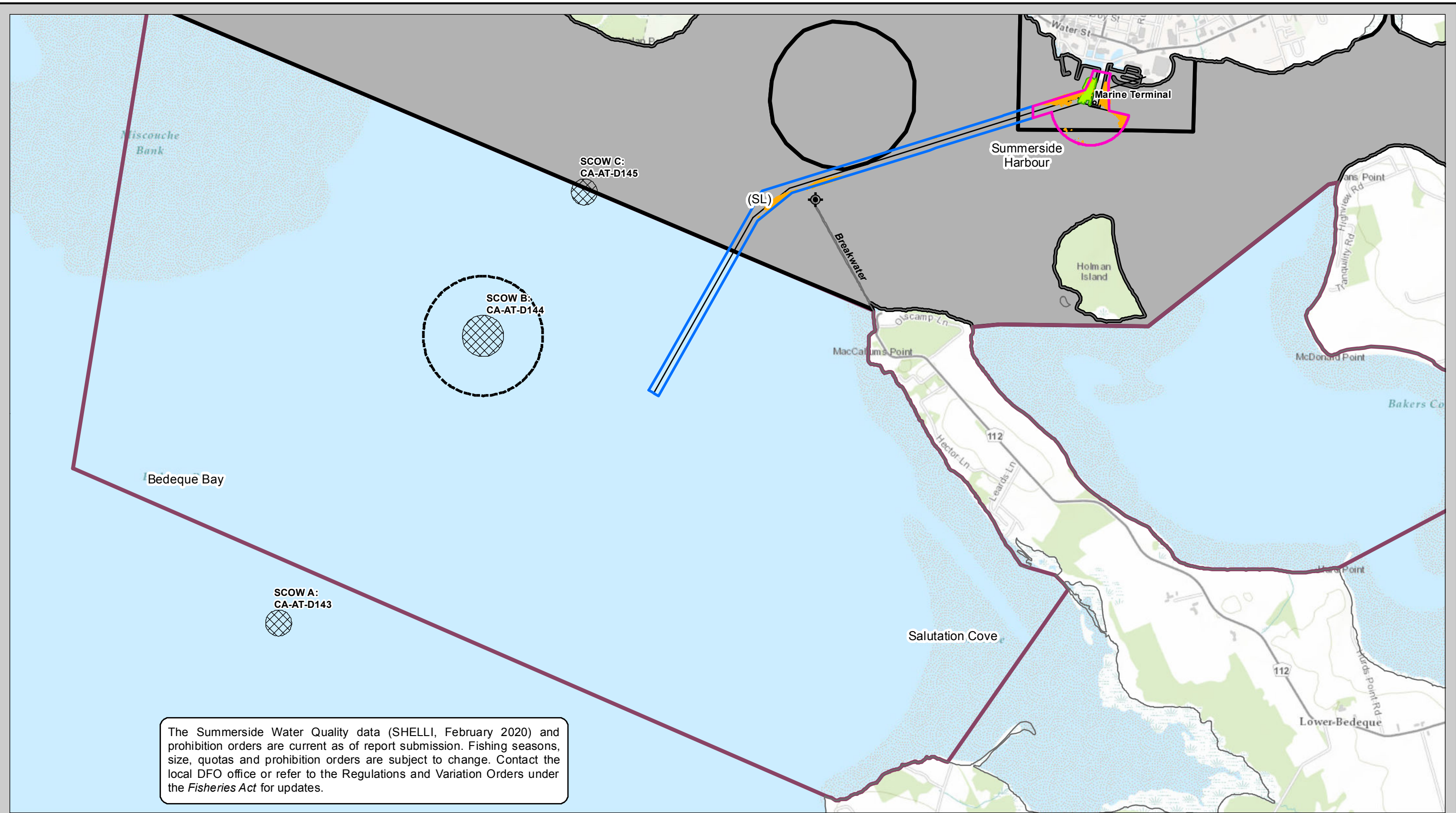
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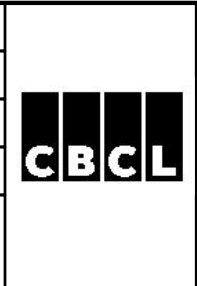
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Attachments: Figure 1: Project Update Figure





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**Summerside Port Corporation Inc.**  
**Phase 2 Disposal at Sea Application**

Project Update Figure

- Phase 1 2019 Dredge Extents
- Phase 1 2020 Dredge Extents
- Phase 2 2020 Dredge Extents
- Dredge Material Management Units (DMMU)**
- Navigation Channel (Phase 1)
- Turning Basin / Berths (Phase 1)
- West Berth
- Indian Head Lighthouse (Heritage Place)
- Navigation Channel (SL)
- Historical Disposal Areas
- SCOW B 300m Buffer
- Summerside Water Quality (SHELLI, FEBRUARY 2020)**
- Approved Harvesting for All Species of Bivalve Molluscs
- No Fishing Shellfish (Closed)

