

LTE Glyphosate Spraying by Mary de La Valette

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Glyphosate season is upon us once again – raining poison down on our forests, streams, rivers, wildlife and people.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has labelled glyphosate a “probable human carcinogen”. Other scientists (check youtube) go much further and claim correlations between glyphosate exposure and a long list of human diseases.

That Brian Gallant’s government allows this travesty to continue is unconscionable. Our neighbour, Quebec, in 2001, banned forest spraying and other countries from Russia to France have imposed partial bans on glyphosate. This creates hundreds of jobs in thinning operations in the forests – as done in Quebec.

The NB Chief Medical Officer’s Report states ..” 40% of the land cut in NB in 2014 was sprayed with glyphosate, compared to 28% in Ontario, 21% in Alberta, 18% in Manitoba and only 11% in Nova Scotia. While 205,859 hectares of forest were cut in Quebec in the same year, no Crown Forest lands there were sprayed with glyphosate.

Under Brian Gallant, our taxpayer dollars are paying for this destruction. \$10 million between 2013 and 2016 was spent on forest spraying on Public Land. These are your hard earned tax dollars that fund these unholy operations in our forests, responsible for the killing of our deer and moose, birds and other wildlife that depend on the vegetation that glyphosate kills, for food and shelter. This poisons the streams and the fish in these streams and contaminates our well water .

On August 28, the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi ( RCUM) will hear a presentation from the Stop Spraying NB coalition. On Sept 20, the Doaktown Village Council will hear the SSNB presentation. And on Sept 12 @ 7 pm, there will be an event at the Salmon Museum in Doaktown on Glyphosate Spraying with presentations by the Green Party, The Peoples’ Alliance and the Miramichi Headwaters Salmon Federation. Pat Finnegan and Jake Stewart have also been invited.

Please join us in this effort to stop the poisoning of our province.

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