

OPEN LETTER TO THE NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD:

RE: The Bay of Fundy must be included in National Energy Board's review process for Energy East pipeline

We, the undersigned, are concerned about possible impacts from the proposed Energy East pipeline terminal and the shipping of tar sands bitumen in large tankers through Bay of Fundy waters.

The National Energy Board is responsible for the approval and the regulation of all energy exports from Canada. However, the geographic scope of the Energy East project currently under review by the Government of Canada's National Energy Board ends in waters at the Port of Saint John, adjacent to the proposed marine terminal.

Future decisions and recommendations by the National Energy Board on Energy East must consider the following:

1. The impact and risk of a large increase in tanker traffic in the Bay of Fundy.
2. The impact of large and ongoing spills of tar sands bitumen, a material which sinks and is extremely difficult or impossible to clean up in deep, unsheltered tidal waters with strong currents.
3. The impacts on commercial fishing and marine tourism.
4. The impacts on fish and marine mammals including the endangered right whales in the Bay of Fundy.

Dozens of small coastal communities around the Bay of Fundy and on its islands are economically dependent on commercial fisheries and marine tourism. These communities rely on the continued health and well-being of the Bay and the marine species which inhabit Fundy waters.

We request that the scope of the National Energy Board's review of the Energy East project be expanded to include all Canadian waters of the Bay of Fundy.

Signed by:

- Bathurst Sustainable Development
- Citizens Coalition for Clean Air
- Concerned Citizens of Saint John
- Conservation Council of New Brunswick
- Council of Canadians – Fredericton Chapter
- Council of Canadians – Saint John Chapter
- Council of Canadians – Kent County Chapter
- EOS Eco-Energy
- Friends of Musquash Inc.
- Fundy Research Restoration Group
- Grand Manan Whale & Seabird Research Station
- New Brunswick Anti-Shale Gas Alliance
- New Brunswickers Against Fracking

- Pays de Cocagne Sustainable Development Group
- PEACE NB
- Pennaic Anti-Shale-Gas Organization
- Petitcodiac Riverkeeper
- Red Head Anthony's Cove Preservation Association
- Sierra Club Canada Foundation Atlantic Canada Chapter
- Sustainable Energy Group - Carleton County
- Taymouth Environmental Action
- Voices for Sustainable Environments and Communities