



# Halifax Harbour Solutions Project

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# Harbour Solutions Project

3 Key Components of Harbour Solutions Project:

- Sewage Collection System
- Wastewater Treatment Facilities
- Biosolids (sludge) management



**Groundbreaking November 2003**



**Tunnel-Downtown Halifax-April 2005**



Trencher in Dartmouth - Summer 2005



**32,000KG Manhole-June 2005**



**Halifax Outfall Pipe Sailing –December 2004**



**Dartmouth Outfall Pipe Sailing –April 2006**



**AST Pumping Station-November 2006**



**Pier A Pumping Station-November 2006**



**Balmoral Pumping Station-November 2006**



**Circa 1813 shipwreck discovered –  
Dartmouth shoreline, October 2005**

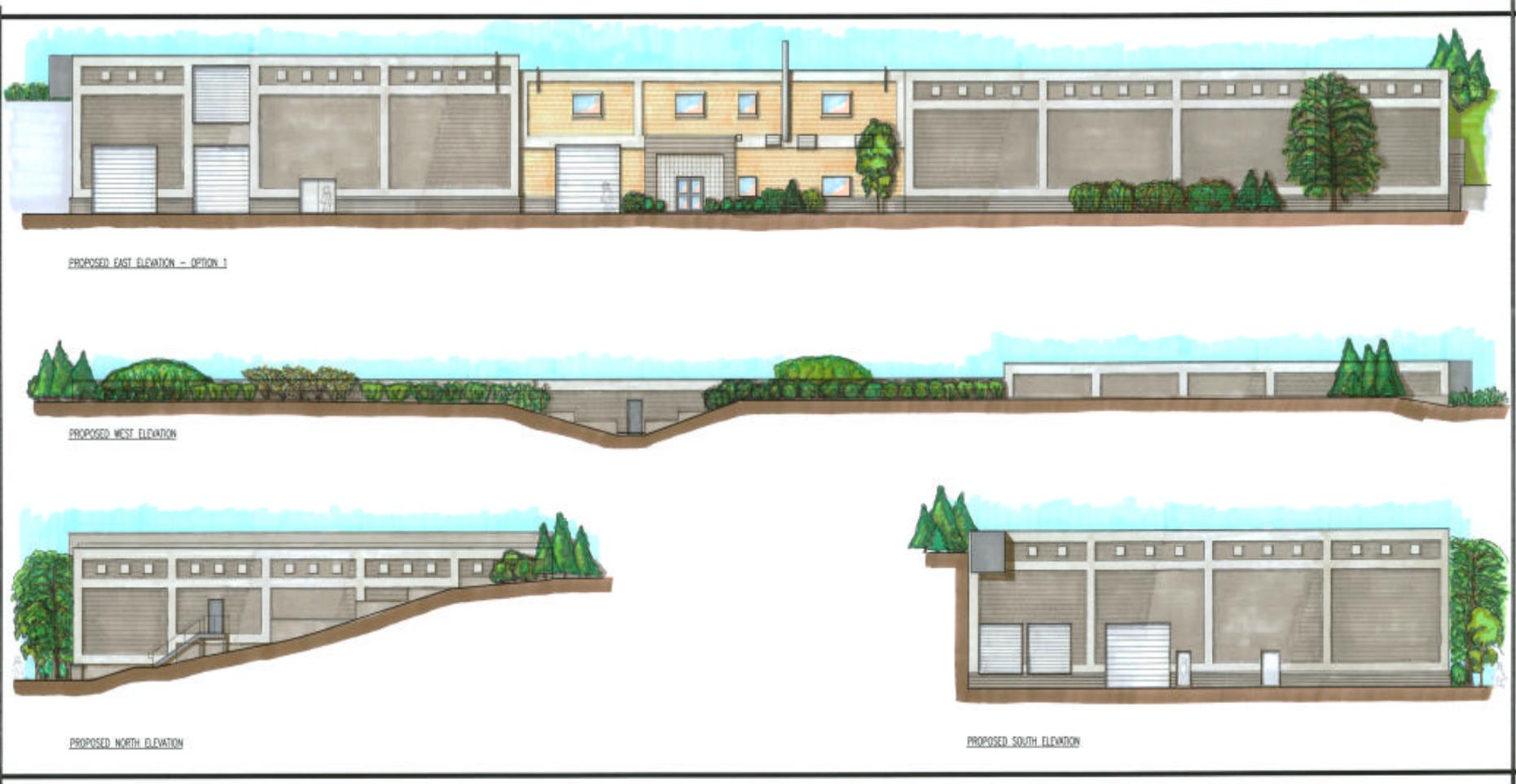


## Treatment Facility Design & Construction

### 3 wastewater treatment facility sites

- Downtown Halifax at Cornwallis and Barrington St.
- Dartmouth, south end of the Coast Guard lands
- Hospital Point in Herring Cove
- Advanced Primary Treatment Facilities designed to blend in visually, no noise or odour, under negative pressure, UV disinfection

# Halifax- Final Design



**Operational Fall 2007**

An aerial architectural rendering of a building complex. The main building is a long, rectangular structure with a brick facade and a series of vertical concrete pillars. It is surrounded by a large green lawn and a paved parking lot with several cars. The site is bordered by a road and a body of water. In the background, there are more buildings and trees.

# Dartmouth- architectural rendering

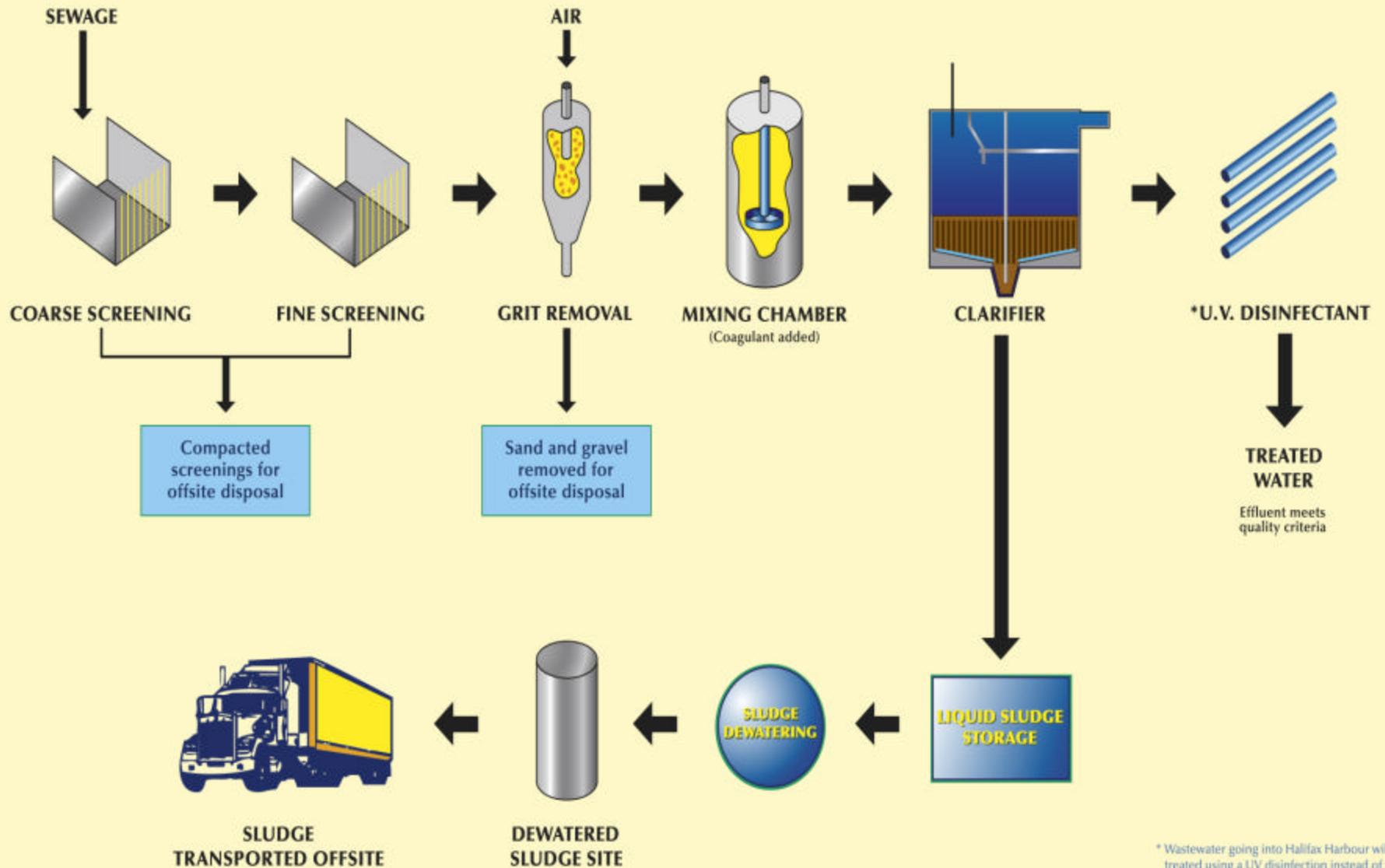
**Operational Spring/Summer 2008**

# Herring Cove-architectural rendering

Operational Summer/Fall 2008

An architectural rendering of a large, multi-story brick building with a central tower and a square observation deck. The building is set on a grassy hillside with several evergreen trees. In the foreground, there is a large, light-colored, textured rock formation. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

# SEWAGE TREATMENT PROCESS



\* Wastewater going into Halifax Harbour will be treated using a UV disinfection instead of the more traditional chlorination process



**Halifax WWTF Site-October 2004**



**Halifax WWTFF Site -November 2006**



**Halifax WWTW Site – August 2007**



**Dartmouth WWTF Site -October 2005**



**Dartmouth WWTf Site-November 2006**



**Dartmouth WWTF Site-August 2007**



**Herring Cove WWTF Site-June 2006**



**Herring Cove WWTF Site-November 2006**



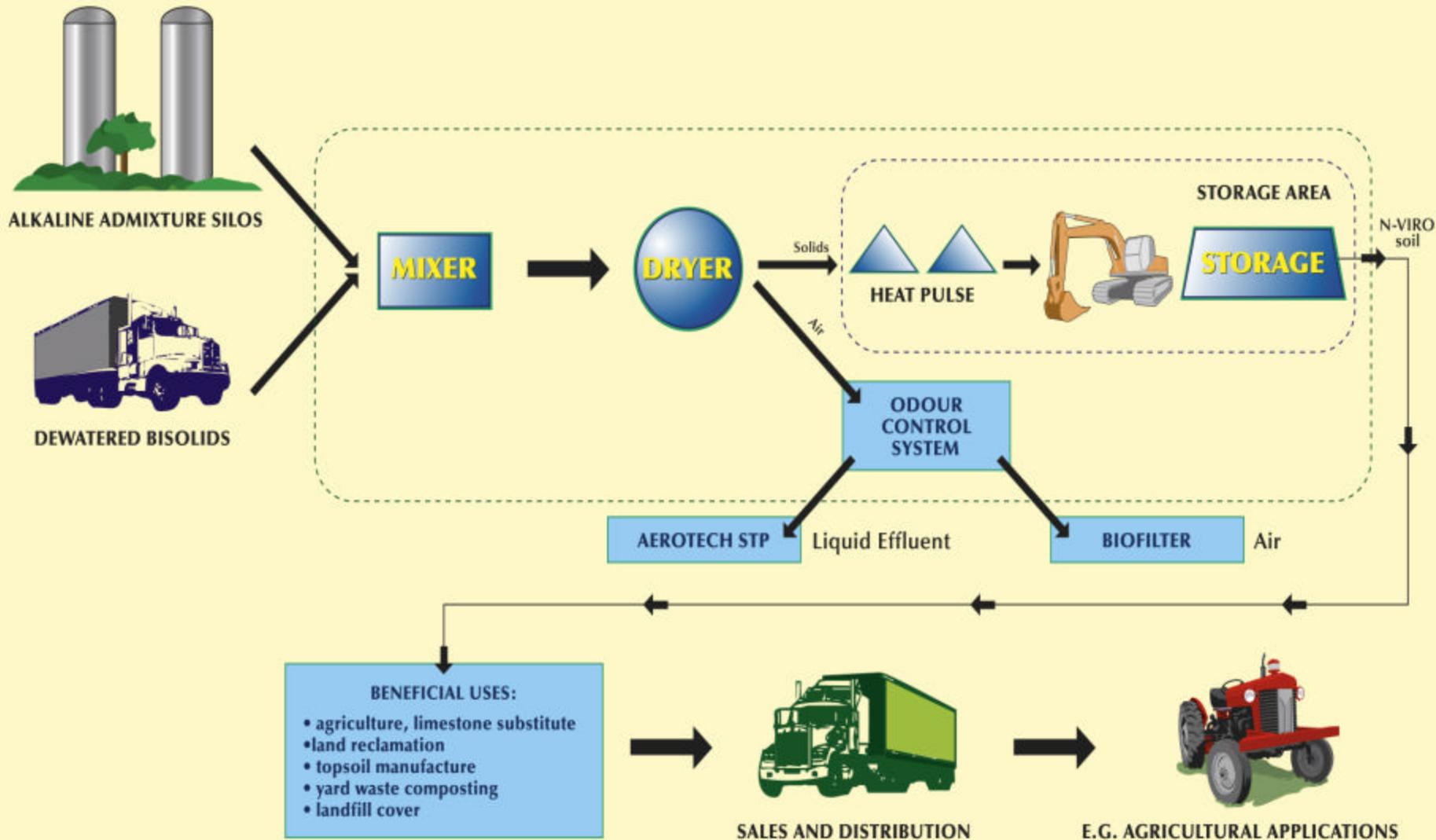
**Herring Cove WWTF Site-August 2007**



# Biosolids Management

- By product of the wastewater treatment process
- Dewatered sludge removed from settling tanks and transported to sludge processing facility
- Operational early 2007

# BIO-SOLID PROCESSING PLANT





# Long Term Goals of the HSP

- ✓ Greatly improved water quality in the Harbour
- ✓ Increased property values
- ✓ Increased tourism revenues
- ✓ Renewed shellfish harvesting
- ✓ Improved marine ecosystem health
- ✓ Avoided health costs due to water-related illnesses
- ✓ Increased recreational opportunities
- ✓ Overall enhanced quality of life for HRM

# Your Harbour ...IN SUMMER 2008

With the Harbour Solutions Project, comes greatly improved water quality in your harbour. But wastewater treatment facilities are designed to treat human waste only. We are all responsible for protecting the water quality in our lakes, streams and harbour. By not dumping hazardous products, leftover medicines, paints, fats, oils & grease etc. down our sinks, toilets and storm drains, we can all do our part for the environment. Whether at home or work, proper disposal is the answer.

*Are you doing your part?*



**Halifax Harbour Solutions Project**  
 Wastewater Treatment (WWTF) Facilities

- 1 Dartmouth WWTF
- 2 Halifax WWTF
- 3 Herring Cove WWTF
- 4 Mill Cove WWTF
- 5 Eastern Passage WWTF

\*HRM currently operates 11 other WWTFs



Please don't pollute. Remember, Only Rain in the Storm Drain

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The Outer Harbour



**Harbour Solutions Project - Water Sampling In Halifax Harbour**



# How Can You & Your Family Help?

- Reduce or eliminate the use of hazardous products at home
- Don't pour leftover cleaning products, paints, solvents and pesticides down the drain at home. Take them to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot, 50 Chain Lake Dr.
- Encourage responsible disposal practices at home, your place of business, & composting and recycling
- Support HRM's environmental programs
- Conserve water



# Pollution Prevention Program

- Wastewater Discharge By-law
- Working with businesses to identify harmful waste materials and limit their use or disposal
- Support efforts of Federal Government to stop dumping of ship wastewater in the harbour
- Pesticide By-law
- Extensive public education/stewardship program underway



**Pollution Prevention Program – Water Testing**



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# How Can You Stay Informed?

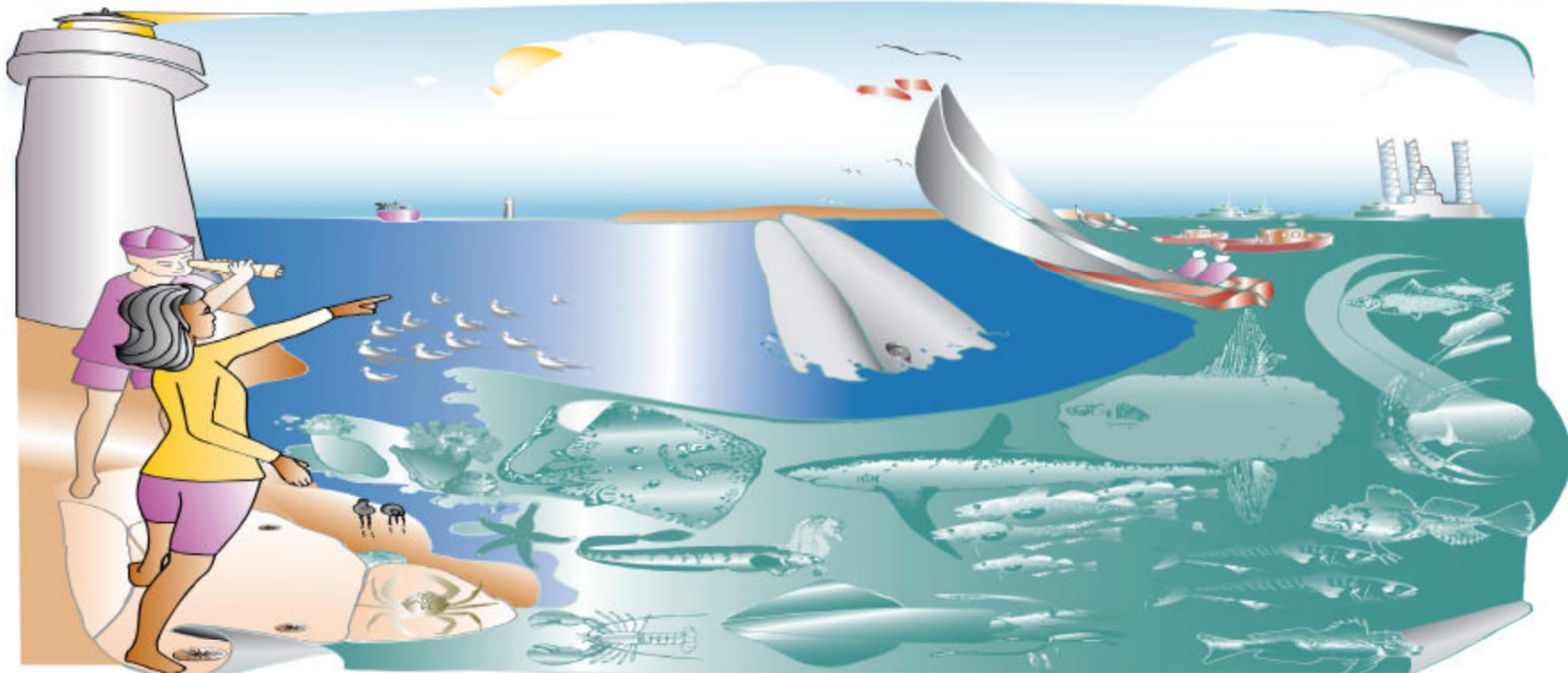
- Naturally Green Newsletter
- HRM Website ([www.halifax.ca/harboursol](http://www.halifax.ca/harboursol))
- E-mail ([contactHRM@halifax.ca](mailto:contactHRM@halifax.ca))
- HRM Call Centre (490-4000)
- Harbour Solutions Project Office (490-4756)
- News Releases
- Public Meetings

# WHO'S WHO IN THE HARBOUR

Halifax Harbour is known internationally as the finest, deepest ice-free salt water harbour in the world. But while our harbour is a valuable economic and recreational resource for HRM residents, to others it is home. The Harbour supports a surprisingly wide variety of

sea life that remains unseen and unknown to most HRM residents. For sea creatures, quality of life means quality of water.

Cast your eye below and see if you can unlock your harbour's treasure . . .



## I spy...

*The animals in the picture are listed below. Can you identify them?*

- Herring
- Paper Nautilus
- Ocean Sunfish
- Sculpin
- Atlantic Mackerel
- Northern Searobin
- Squid
- Atlantic Cod
- Whale
- Lobster

- Seahorse
- Green Crab
- Starfish
- Snakeblenny
- Sea Anemone
- Sea Cucumber
- Skate
- Shark
- Sandollar
- Shorebirds

Questions?



Fire Away!