

Chris Newson - Response re Paul's Point Fisheries

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Ms. Chris Newson
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Dear Mr. Newson:

This is in response to your e-mail of August 30, 2006, to The Honourable Loyola Hearn, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) which was forwarded to Environment Canada (EC), regarding effluent from Paul's Point Fisheries in Hackett's Cove, Nova Scotia. I apologize for the delay in getting back to you.

As indicated by Minister Hearn, EC has the responsibility of administering the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act* (section 36). In carrying out this responsibility, my Department responds to complaints, participates in the assessment of projects subject to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and undertakes various activities to promote and ensure compliance.

In May 2006, EC contacted Paul's Point Fisheries and forwarded information on the *Fisheries Act* as well as information on opportunities for pollution prevention relating to fish processing operations. Then, in October, a joint DFO/EC inspection of the facility occurred. During this inspection, issues requiring corrective action were identified and noted, and the operators were advised to take appropriate corrective measures. A follow-up has indicated that the corrective actions have been carried out. EC will continue to monitor the situation and act appropriately to any changes or new information that becomes available. If you would like to discuss this or similar issues directly with EC staff working in the Halifax Regional Municipality, please feel free to contact Ms. M.T. Grant, the acting Nova Scotia District Manager at 902-426-9558.

I appreciate you bringing these issues to our attention. I trust that my response addresses your concerns.

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