



**Subject: Point Rouse Port Expansion**

**Project Number: 90066**

January 16, 2026

To the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada:

The purpose of this letter is to provide comments for the project evaluation on project no. 90066, Point Rouse Port Expansion Project proposed by Point Rouse Marine Terminal Ltd.

Qalipu First Nation (QFN) represents approximately 24,000 registered members in Newfoundland and abroad and is made up of 67 traditional Mi'kmaq communities across Newfoundland. As a band, we provide core programs and service to our members, including Natural Resources Management.

After reviewing the project description as contained within the Environmental Assessment Registration document, it is evident that impacts to both the terrestrial and marine environment will be a consequence of this project. It is of the utmost importance that all mitigation measures outlined in Part E of the document be followed as to minimize alterations to wildlife habitat. During the operation phase of the project the main concern is the increased potential for vessels collisions with marine mammals and disturbance from increased noise pollution due to the uptick in vessel traffic brought in by the project. It is important that vessel speed and engine noise be reduced on approach to the terminal to limit the effects on marine mammals.

Furthermore, the loss of traditionally used areas by both indigenous people and locals is a potential risk. As of the writing of these comments, despite Qalipu First Nation having little traditional use or traditional knowledge data within or adjacent to the project footprint, this does not mean that the area is not accessed by Qalipu membership for traditional purposes.



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We hope that Point Rousse Marine Terminal Ltd. conduct project operations with the proper due diligence to minimize environmental impacts as outlined in the registration document. Additionally, continued transparency and engagement with Indigenous groups, regulators, industry, and stakeholders is crucial to maintain good data sharing and to ensure better regulatory requirements for all current and future projects.

Sincerely,   
<Original signed by>

Chief Jenny Brake