

Call for Bids NS21-1 Written Comments

NOTE: The individuals and organizations listed below provided the CNSOPB with consent to publish their comments. We have redacted language that may be offensive to some.

Name	Organization	Written Comments
Peter Kierluk		<p>We have chosen, personally, to make a significant investment in Solar-Electric equipment, which has markedly reduced our electric bill, hence our dependence on consumption of coal in Nova Scotia, by that small amount. It is simply one of the ways in which diversification of green-energy investment can preclude the necessity of expanded dependence on fossil fuels. It is an egregious failure of the government to take the quick and easy route of fossil-fuel exploitation, over the long-term benefits of alternate energy mechanisms, broadly supported and promulgated provincially and nationally.</p> <p>As the replacement birth rate continues to decline world-wide, it seems pure folly to follow the outdated priorities of the past, the dependence on fossil fuels being one of them.</p> <p>Merely because it is likely already too late to prevent catastrophic climate change does not give us moral license to continue the practices and priorities which got us to this sorry state.</p> <p>We don't need more maritime oil exploration, with all the social, environmental, and spiritual costs which will be the sad result.</p> <p>It is time simply to say "No".</p>
Spirit Pilkington	Modern Village	<p>While I appreciate the opportunity, this bid process will damage our climate, our perception internationally, fisheries, and oceans.</p> <p>What other long term impacts this may have cannot be understood and will not doubt be downplayed by those who stand to make a profit.</p> <p>If this process is allowed to move forward, what will our grandchildren think when they look back?</p>

Eva Evans		<p>I am horrified that you, the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board, have put two sections of Nova Scotia's offshore up for bids from oil and gas corporations, opening the door to expanded drilling off our coasts. The International Energy Agency says we must stop all new fossil fuel projects this year to avoid the worst effects of climate change. Expanding offshore exploration in Atlantic Canada will take us in exactly the wrong direction. I do not want sea levels to rise, droughts and wildfires to intensify, people to lose their homes, food production to decrease, even whole countries (eg Tuvalu, Kiribati and the Marshal Islands) to disappear and a very uncomfortable environment for all of us.</p> <p>I consent to having my name and comments published (button above did not appear to be working). Thank you.</p>
dessie howard		<p>From where I stand off - shore drilling for gas /oil is off the table. Just plain over, as in stupid. How about going for the GREEN RECOVERY?? How about growing plants instead of sucking resources? I stand with the indigenous elders when it comes to the environment. PLEASE DO NOT GO AHEAD WITH THIS RIDICULOUS PLAN TO FURTHER ████████ THE EARTH. Thank you for your concern and thank you for reading this opposing view. Dessie Howard</p>
Paul Bowlby		<p>The International Energy Agency has thoroughly documented the climate crisis and stated clearly and emphatically that there is no need for new oil, gas or other carbon based energy projects. Additional off-shore exploration or production will destroy any hope of reaching net zero by 2050.</p>
kathrin winkler	Nova Scotia Voice of Women for Peace	<p>As an independent joint agency of the Canadian government and Nova Scotia responsible for the petroleum industry and resources, as a Nova Scotian, I insist that your mandate lies in a climate contradiction - your work is in contradiction of the crises.</p> <p>You cannot be responsible for the protection and management of resources that include the habitats of endangered marine life and the ocean environment with a motivation to exploit that very environment. Apples and oranges. Scallops and lobster - they are not the same. Ramping up drilling and revving up the institutional machinery of the investment companies and industry of exploitation does not protect the next seven generations. Drilling in a dying ocean is selfish and shortsighted - please set your sails in the winds of change.</p>
Rita Crosbie		<p>I am appalled beyond words. We already have marine life threatened by fish farms and Glyphosate and the Gold mining industry. It seems that destroying everything pure and healthy about NS is high on the agenda. It's 2021 and we have a number of other means to create power. Oil and gas belong in the past, along with all the poison their extraction brings to the ecology and ultimately the economy. Already Canadian oil is not used to the benefit of Canadians. I totally oppose this in our waters</p>

Virginia Cox		This province has given enough of its natural resources. It has to STOP. Please let's move away from the devastation caused through gas and oil exploration to a green way of life and living. Our future depends on it. Hard decisions now will save our children and grandchildren and their future.
Dawn Mockler		I have grave concerns about the future of our planet and am opposed to any further fossil fuel extraction. We need to invest in renewable energy sources and stop subsidizing fossil fuel companies. We have seen the devastation caused when the drilling goes wrong (BP, etc). I do not think the risk to the people and animals living in the area is justified.
Susan Kulik		Good day. I oppose any new fossil fuel projects, as we need to address the real problem of our climate emergency. My son spends his time preparing for the worst because he only sees a future of rapidly worsening conditions that will cause his life to be filled with poverty and despair. I can't imagine he is the only young one with these fears. Please instead invest in clean energy projects.
Verna J Higgins	Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Assoc.	Canada is quickly learning that using fossil fuel is not the way of the future. Let's not start projects, particularly in our oceans, which will be obsolete before they are even finished.
Amy Elliott		As a life-long Atlantic Canadian resident I am disappointed that your Board still exists. In my opinion, your scope should be finding our Nova Scotian workers jobs in sustainable futures rather than pursuing old, worn-out, useless ways of providing energy to the world. I am ashamed, as a fellow Nova Scotia, to see that you folks insist on peddling explorer rights. As far as I'm concerned, you are directly contributing to destroying the climate for future generations. Please see it in your hearts to reconsider your purpose as Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board members. I am appealing to the members as individuals to please consider the damage you are doing for the sake of a few dollars. Your current Board scope is short-sighted and self-serving, and does not keep in mind the sustainable futures of Nova Scotian workers. Change to match a future that belongs to all living beings.
Cliff Esler		https://www.iea.org/reports/net-zero-by-2050 International Energy Agency "Net Zero by 2050: a Roadmap for the Global Energy Sector" Flagship report - May 2021 Near term milestones: 2020 "No new oil and gas fields approved for development, and no new coal mines or mine extensions."

Emily Levy-Purdy		With the degradation of our environment and development of rapid and catastrophic climate change, I feel that the Petroleum Board should do everything possible to pivot its mandate and intentions toward renewable and sustainable development. I do not support any further development of oil resources, particularly offshore oil which can only lead to further trouble for our already troubled and delicate ocean environment.
Nancy Price		Please do not permit offshore drilling in Nova Scotia. I cant believe energy has to be put into this issue...again.
Verna J Higgins	Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Assoc.	<p>The oil and gas industry is rapidly becoming obsolete. Many of us heat our houses via heat pumps or other cleaner means, plus we ensure buildings are well insulated reducing both heating in winter and the need for air conditioning in summer. Many of us work to reduce our time driving and as a result of reduced shopping during Covid19 we have learned that fewer trips to the store are required if we plan ahead. While I do not work in industry, I am sure that most have also reduced their need for oil and gas or are planning to do so as it gets easier and easier.</p> <p>Conclusion: The main reason for planning more oil and gas production is to get more grants from governments but I hope they are also realizing that there are more important ways to spend our tax monies.</p>
Margaret Sagar	Kairos Halifax, N.S.	The International Energy Agency has declared that in order to meet the essential goals for ending fossil fuel emissions and saving the planet for human habitation it is essential that THERE BE NO NEW FOSSIL FUEL PROJECTS FROM NOW ON. There is enough already and the focus must be on less damaging energy alternatives such as solar, wind and tidal power. Therefore, it is fruitless and totally unnecessary to open areas of offshore Nova Scotia for exploration. It is also essential that we preserve our oceans as unpolluted marine environments whose biodiversity will help to cool the planet as well as provide for sustainable fishing. Did you know that excrement of the Blue Whale is vital to fertilizing the ocean for the organisms that absorb Co2 at far higher volumes than even forests and wetlands? Whales are disturbed by the noise of underwater exploration. Blue whales are far fewer in number than they were 100 years ago and yet more essential for human life and biodiversity. Efforts to preserve all whales off our shores are essential. Please do not issue any more Exploration Licenses or approvals for offshore drilling projects. Not needed and detrimental to the future life of our children and their children. Please think long term, 7 generations.
Verna Higgins	Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Assoc.	We are rapidly moving to an era when use of fossil fuels will be declining. Both vehicles and households will be using much less oil and gas. New designs are decreasing fuel use by improved building design and insulation. Plus families are getting smarter in how they heat and cool their homes. (example, yesterday as temperatures were forecast to rise to the high 20s, I and lots of others closed their drapes to keep the sun out). Increasingly, as a result of Covid-19 restrictions, folks

		<p>are learning that they can make one trip a week, or one every two weeks, to do their grocery and other shopping. These habits will continue. Plus, Just as household are using less fossil fuel, I am sure that businesses and industry are following suit.</p> <p>Conclusion, we will have no need for additional oil production off the coast of Atlantic Canada in the coming years.</p>
Lydia Segal		<p>Enough already! Our oceans cannot take any more. We need to be stopping oil exploration, not starting even more. For our children's children, please stop this insanity and put your research dollars into alternative energy. There is still a lot of money to be made, just more sensibly. Thank you.</p>
Jim Jeffery		<p>In this day and age, where we are all suffering with the negative effects of climate change and striving to reduce our collective carbon footprint, opening up the coasts of Nova Scotia to offshore oil and gas exploration can only be considered asinine.</p> <p>Couple that with the ecological disaster that comes with the almost certainty of a spill makes this proposal even more ludicrous.</p> <p>Just stop this in its tracks.</p>
Timothy Tanner	CPONS	<p>This Petroleum Board is functioning in the interest of petroleum corporations controlled by petroleum exploration lobbyists. The scientists are payed by these corporations to say what they are told to say.</p> <p>This Petroleum Board should be replaced by a independent public inquiry employing scientists that have no connection to petroleum corporations.</p> <p>This is the only means to release the environmental detrimental facts of fossil fuels such as petroleum on the marine ecosystems .This means a moratorium on all petroleum and seismic exploration until scientific proof is available.</p> <p>This petroleum board should be replaced by a renewable green energy board that promotes research against climate change.</p>
Sharon Leighton		<p>To continue to destroy this good planet for the sake of shortsighted monetary goals is unconscionable. To risk damage to the waters fished by the Indigenous people of the Maritime Provinces at this time, when reconciliation has become absolutely imperative, revolts my heart and disturbs my soul. I was born and grew up near the Bay of Fundy, and the mere idea of putting that lovely area at risk of oil pollution makes me want to throw up. DO NOT DO THIS HORRIBLE THING.</p>

Kristin MacLellan		My kids have been going to school and daycare in sweltering heat in the month of June in Nova Scotia. This is the second year we're seeing such heat so early in the summer. We're seeing declining biodiversity, warming oceans, increasing severe weather events, the list goes on, and you must be familiar with it. Expansion of oil and gas must stop. Ending oil and gas exploration will make such a significant contribution to the health of our oceans and our climate, more than I ever could as a consumer. I want a future for my children that is liveable.
Dariusz Wojtow		No comments. I will contact you shortly with my uncle.
Camille Barbeau		I strongly disagree that any new offshore fossil fuel extraction permits and licenses should be made available in Nova Scotia during a rapidly accelerating global climate crisis. According to the International Energy Agency, who has traditionally supported oil and gas exploration and extraction projects has said we must STOP all fossil fuel extraction projects immediately to avoid the worst climate change negative consequences. We cannot continue expanding offshore drilling along the Nova Scotia coast without threatening the health of our communities, our marine ecosystems and our climate. Nova Scotia must act responsibly, heed the warning of scientists and refuse the bids open for offshore fossil fuel drilling off our coasts. These fossil fuels must stay in the ground. Sincerely,Camille Barbeau [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Lori Palliaser		We only have one planet. It is past time to act to reduce and repair the effects of pollution from fossil fuels and industrial accidents/ oil spills resulting in climate change and loss of species and ecosystems. No new drilling, meet the call to action, for all our sakes.
Bernard Hink	First Nation	[REDACTED] stop polluting and contaminating our natural habitats
Geoff Day		I can hardly believe my eyes. At a time when the climate scientists are being proved to be right and weather extremes are getting more and more frequent, and reports are showing the very wide extent of the results of continuing as we are, your group is encouraging companies to explore for more oil and gas that contributes to more climate change. I understand that the economy has to be considered but what about the health of everyone in Nova Scotia, Canada and the world that is being affected? Please do the right things FOR OUR TIME and future generations and remove the offer so that you will be seen as being in touch environmentally, including every living thing on Earth (us included) and show clearly and decisively you are contributing to the solution, not perpetuating and increasing the problem.

Catherine Pross		The CNSOPB is not responsive to any concerns other than to those of the petroleum and gas industries. These decisions to open up new bids are another example of a government-appointed board quietly carrying out business as usual while the government publicly states that it is concerned about climate change.
Elizabeth Weld		This is going in exactly the wrong direction. I don't want your oil. You are killing the planet for our greed. Please transfer your resources into renewable energy instead. An oil spill would ruin our piping plover population, who are severely endangered. Please do not destroy the natural spaces that we love for profit. I dream of someday showing my loved ones oceanic phosphorescence, hiking, biking, camping, fishing. What happened in Mexico terrifies me, please do not come here.
Robin Stewart		We just had record breaking temperatures in June out West and threats of forest fires. Please stop drilling and transition to more renewable alternatives instead of making climate change worse. Thank you
Reanne Harvey	CPAWS Nova Scotia	Link to CPAWS Nova Scotia letter
Eleanor Kure		I live in NS. We should be investing in low carbon options for energy such as solar, wind and tidal. The climate crisis is a huge threat to health and safety-heat waves, forest fires, food insecurity. The IPCC and the UN have documented that we have only 5 years left before we reach 1.5 degrees of global heating. Beyond that and we will continue to feel ever worsening catastrophic effects of too much carbon emissions causing an imbalance in our ecosystem. Life has been getting harder and harder because we ignore this fact. Smarten up, Nova Scotia. We must end and stop carbon intense fossil fuels now, not later. We have no time to waste. It has already been wasted.
Mark Brooks	WWF-Canada	Dear CNSOPB: Please accept the attached submission from Sigrid Kuehnemund, Vice-President of WWF-Canada, on Call for Bids NS21-1. Regards, Mark Brooks Senior Specialist, Sustainable Resource Development WWF-Canada

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Ecology Action Centre

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