

JD Roche

From: Beth Vardy
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2004 10:50 AM
To: Document Control
Subject: FW: Cohasset Decommissioning Screening Report
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From: Beth Vardy
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2004 9:19 AM
To: Barbara Pike
Subject: FW: Cohasset Decommissioning Screening Report

Hi Barbara,
Here is the email. It is in the process of being document registered (JD was out yesterday).
Beth

-----Original Message-----

From: Fred Kennedy [mailto:seaspray@nb.aibn.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 20, 2004 2:53 PM
To: Beth Vardy
Subject: Re: Cohasset Decommissioning Screening Report

At 02:44 PM 11/8/2004, you wrote:

Hello FAC members,

Please consider this notice that the Board, in cooperation with other Responsible Authorities (RAs), has released the Environmental Screening Report for the Cohasset Phase II Decommissioning today for public comment. This report summarizes the environmental assessment of an application by EnCana Corporation to decommission the Cohasset Project. I have attached the public notice, with instructions for submitting commentary, as well as the report. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Have a good day,
Beth

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Hello Beth:

The Executive Board of Area 19 Snow Crab Fishermen's Association have requested that I write to you on their behalf on the Cohasset Decommissioning issue.

11/23/2004

Area 19, as you know, has been a leader in representing the rights and protections of their fishermen when it comes to oil and gas exploration activities. We have been at this for about 6 years now and we continue to be involved on as many fronts as we can. You will recall our President, Brian Adams, was one of the industry stakeholders selected to participate in the fact finding mission to the North Sea that took place last year. Additionally, we were a major contributor to reviewing the draft report of the group before finalization and publishing. Most if not all of our concerns and recommendations were amalgamated into the final report.

As such we feel obligated to respond to your request for comment concerning -- "Board Seeks Written Public Comment on Cohasset Decommissioning".

Despite the fact we are not located in the affected zone we do have a general statement to make concerning this action.

- Firstly, the proponent did agree to the Board's condition of restoring the ocean bottom to the way they found it once the project was complete and decommissioning was to take place.
- Secondly, because of this and the eventual likelihood of similar situations arising in the years to come with other projects we are in favour of Encana keeping their legal commitment.
- If you let this portion of the project to be not completed we believe you open the door for future instances to occur on other projects.
- One can only imagine what the ocean bottom could look like in decades to come.
- You will recall the hind sight offered by the North Sea operators when the Fact Finding Mission talked to them:
 - They said if they had known what damage would come from dumping so much muds and cuttings over the side they would never have conducted operations in that manner.
 - **Could this Cohasset debris, on the ocean bottom, not become the same type of negative situation and provide an impediment to the fishery?**

Andy, our position is that the ocean floor be brought back to the condition it was before the project was initiated. Respectfully, we would expect that Encana and the Board will honour the original legal agreement under which the project was approved. Given that the principals of Corridor Resources were the major players in the company that started the Deep Panuke production program it would seem appropriate that the commitment they gave at the time be honoured now. This is particularly important to us as we are facing the possibility of an exploratory well in our own back yard. To do otherwise sends a poor message as to the commitments they may give us on this exploratory well.

Yours very truly,

Fred Kennedy

On behalf of the Executive Board of Area 19 Snow Crab Fishermen's Association