

Association for the Preservation of the Eastern Shore

Timeline of Events for Open Pen Fin Farming in Nova Scotia

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 [CBC News](#) Proposed N.S. salmon farm meets more opposition

Friends of Port Mouton Bay, a group opposed to a fish farm on Nova Scotia's south shore held a demonstration at Province House in Halifax Wednesday, drawing attention to their worries that the aquaculture project will hurt traditional fisheries.

March 12, 2009 [CBC News](#) Premier announces surprise moratorium on Port Mouton Bay fish farming

The primary spokesperson for Friends of Port Mouton Bay literally forced back her tears about 90 minutes ago as Nova Scotia Premier Rodney MacDonald announced an "indefinite" moratorium on more finfish aquaculture farming in the bay.

April 29, 2011 at www.mikmaqrights.com

The Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs (ANSMC) are adamantly speaking out that they will not support a proposed aquaculture facilities in St. Mary's Bay, Digby County, NS. The ANSMC wants to ask the question to the Province and Department of Fisheries and Ocean (DFO): What is the reasoning behind developing such a facility when Atlantic salmon populations have been declining in the last two decades?

Jun 15, 2011 [The Canadian Press](#)

A Nova Scotia couple is appealing a decision by the provincial fisheries minister to grant licences to three salmon farms in rich lobster grounds. Marian and Herschel Specter say the minister violated aquaculture regulations and federal Fisheries directives in approving the licences in Shelburne Harbour.

June 17, 2011 [CBC News](#)

Demonstrators from St. Mary's Bay with bags of strong-smelling sludge protested against the approval of two salmon farms to be located in one of Nova Scotia's most productive lobster fishing bays.

Tuesday, July 12, 2011, [The Fish Site](#) Appeal To Stop St Mary's Salmon Farms

CANADA - Local community members from St Mary's Bay and the Atlantic Salmon Federation have filed an appeal to the Nova Scotia Supreme Court to oppose the creation of one of the province's largest fish farms in the community's traditional fishing grounds.

August 31st, 2011 [DIGBY COURIER](#)

Locals report damage to St. Mary's Bay Salmon Farm Cages

November 14, 2011 [Chronicle Herald](#) By BRUCE ERSKINE Business Reporter

Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister Sterling Belliveau must stop issuing open-pen salmon farm leases, some of his constituents say.

The community group has co-written an open letter to the Shelburne MLA, co-signed by the St. Mary's Bay Coastal Alliance and the Eastern Shore Fisherman's Protective Association, calling on him to protect the province's lucrative traditional lobster fishery.

February 2, 2012 - [Chronicle Herald](#) By JIM GOURLAY

That fresh water systems in much of Nova Scotia have suffered devastating damage from acid rain is well known: We just don't talk about it much anymore. Innumerable lakes have been ruined and 14 Atlantic Coast rivers have completely lost their Atlantic salmon, while 20 more have seen salmon runs reduced by up to 90 per cent. After seven years of liming, \$600,000 in raised funds, and 18,000 hours of volunteer labour, the pH of West River, Sheet Harbour has been normalized, and juvenile Atlantic salmon populations boosted by 300 per cent — so far. Trout are also on the rebound. All good ...

Except the governments of Nova Scotia and Canada now propose to license a marine salmon farm near the Sheet Harbour estuary. It's pretty much a foregone conclusion that the presence of marine cages would utterly sabotage the dedicated work of the NGOs and their volunteers. Why?

Feb 12, 2012 [South Coast Today](#)

Shelburne homeowners Herschel and Marian Specter are disappointed, but not dismayed at the ruling on Tuesday by Supreme Court Justice Michael Wood to deny their appeal to have Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister Sterling Belliveau suspend the applications by Kelly Cove Salmon (Cooke Aquaculture, Ltd.) for additional open net-pen aquaculture cages in Shelburne Harbour.

February 20, 2012 [By BEVERLEY WARE South Shore Bureau](#)

LIVERPOOL — A Queens County group says it has scientific proof a fish farm polluted Port Mouton Bay with antibiotics, pesticides and copper, and is killing lobster larvae. The Friends of Port Mouton Bay has also asked its municipality to pass a motion asking the province to make the bay a no-go zone for aquaculture.

February 20, 2012 [Cape Breton Post](#)

Nova Scotia fish farm highlights the risks involved in allowing wide-scale expansion of the aquaculture industry, a conservation group said Monday. Susanna Fuller of the Halifax-based Ecology Action Centre said the provincial government should reconsider

the industry's use of open-net pens after a seafood company reported a suspected case of infectious salmon anemia.

February 20, 2012 [The Digby Courier](#) by Jonathan Riley

Cooke kills two cages of salmon Neither Cooke's or the government is saying which farm had the possible outbreak of infectious salmon anemia.

February 20, 2012 [By BRIAN MEDEL Yarmouth Bureau](#) Cooke Aquaculture cancels project days after fish killed

Cooke Aquaculture has removed a project from a list of proposed sites, says a document sent to Transport Canada. The letter says Kelly Cove Salmon, a subsidiary of Cooke, does not wish to proceed. Cooke Aquaculture has removed a fish farm project at Jordan Bay from a list of proposed aquaculture sites because the company does not wish to pursue the plan at this time, according to a document sent to Transport Canada.

February 20, 2012 - 5:32am [By MICHAEL GORMAN Truro Bureau](#)

Opponents of fish farms on the Eastern Shore say what is happening at a Shelburne farm is proof that there should be a moratorium on any more operating licences.

The Association for the Preservation of the Eastern Shore, a group including private citizens, members of the fishing and tourism industries, and environmental groups, was formed Friday in response to concerns about Snow Island Salmon Inc.'s application for three finfish leases for sites in Shoal Bay, Spry Bay and Beaver Harbour along the Eastern Shore.

February 24, 2012 [The Canadian Press](#)

Nova Scotia's environment minister refused to get into specifics Thursday about what he knows about a suspected outbreak of a virus at a fish farm. Belliveau said he knew about the suspected outbreak of infectious salmon anemia several days before it was made public last Friday.

Feb 29, 2012 [CBC News](#) N.S. salmon farm quarantined after suspected virus

Cooke Aquaculture has confirmed that its operation in Shelburne Harbour, N.S., is the location of an Infectious Salmon Anemia quarantine.

March 08, 2012 [The Canadian Press](#) by Michael MacDonald

HALIFAX - Nova Scotia's fisheries minister is facing sharp criticism for suggesting Thursday that a recent viral outbreak at a large fish farm is just a routine part of the aquaculture business.

Asked about the outbreak of infectious salmon anemia at a Cooke Aquaculture operation in Shelburne Harbour, N.S., Sterling Belliveau said: "It's a normal business day, and these particular incidents are being managed in an appropriate fashion."

Rob Johnson, aquaculture co-ordinator for the Halifax-based Ecology Action Centre, said Belliveau's comments show he's ill-informed and irresponsible. "That's reprehensible," Johnson said in an interview. "We've seen this virus break out in New Brunswick, it's wiped out the industry in Chile and it's a tremendous threat to the marine ecosystem."

March 12, 2012 [Chronicle Herald](#) By BRUCE ERSKINE Business Reporter

More than 50 groups and organizations are calling for a provincial moratorium on open pen salmon aquaculture.

"We're selling our coastline," Judith Cabrita, a director of Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shores, said Monday in an interview. The organization represents private tourism operators in Antigonish, Guysborough and Pictou counties, as well as ones in eastern Halifax Regional Municipality.

March 13, 2012 [CBC News](#)

Dozens of groups, including tourism operators and commercial fishing associations, are calling for a moratorium on open pen salmon aquaculture in Nova Scotia. The Bay of Fundy Inshore Fishermen's Association is one of 51 groups urging the provincial government to stop the expansion of open-pen salmon farms.

The Ecology Action Centre, which is also part of the coalition calling for the moratorium, said the government needs to look at the environment before moving forward with new aquaculture sites.