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Join and Support the work of:

The Association for the Preservation of the Eastern Shore (APES)

Our organization, The Association for the Preservation of the Eastern Shore (APES) has been involved in a variety of undertakings this year. In August we encouraged and trained citizens to submit responses for the renewal of the **Ship Harbour/Owl's Head** leases. To date, we have not been notified of any decision regarding these leases, but we remain extremely vigilant on the topic.

We have also been involved with attending meetings, writing letters, and asking the various candidates in the recent Federal Election about their stand on the topic of finfish farms. Due to a range of efforts across Canada, a promise was made by the Federal Government in the election campaign to transition marine based finfish farms out of the British Columbian waters by 2025. Activists on the West Coast have done an amazing job in this regard and we support their efforts hoping it can be undertaken here as well. We also have written a submission relative to the proposed Federal Aquaculture Act.

APES has also been part of a growing provincial Network led by Communities organizing around the finfish farm issue. We have spoken at meetings of various groups (**Protect Liverpool Bay and Twin Bays Coalition**) to encourage them in their organizing initiatives and to share our experience. We are very inspired by the work which has been done province wide. Just a few days ago **CERMAQ** a large multinational corporation which had options to lease throughout the province including Guysborough, St Margaret's/Mahone Bay and St Mary's Bay, decided to abandon these options and leave the province. This represents a huge victory for those who abhor open net pen fish farms in our coastal waters. We think it has happened due to the massive opposition that was undertaken around the province.

However, our work is not finished. As CERMAQ announced it was leaving, Cooke Aquaculture simultaneously announced they are expanding their pursuit of Nova Scotia marine based fish farm locations. So, we must continue to work with other organizations in the province to keep this destructive industry out of our coastal waters. **OUR HARBOURS ARE NOT DUMPING GROUNDS**, and we will continue to remind this to fish farm applicants and Government.

Our website and Face book page are a big part of the conversation which takes place relative to this issue both here and throughout the province.

However, our only sources of revenue are a \$ 10 Membership Fee and the regular donations of our generous Supporters. We must continue to raise funds for an active year ahead.

We are asking that you join APES and also consider making a donation to support our work on a year-round basis. This can be done by going to our web page (www.nsapes.ca) or by contacting the undersigned, Wendy Watson Smith @ 902.885.2139.

Specifically, **a cheque for membership or in general support could be sent to:**

The Association for the Preservation of the Eastern Shore

c/o Jeannie Hubley,

19396 Highway 7, RR 1 Tangier, Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia. BOJ 3HO.

Thanks in advance for your SUPPORT. Working together we can keep our harbours clean!

Sincerely,

Wendy Watson Smith, President

The Association for the Preservation of the Eastern Shore.

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