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**Written submission from the  
Fundy North Fishermen's  
Association**

**Mémoire du Fundy North  
Fishermen's Association**

**Regulatory Oversight Report  
for Canadian Nuclear Power  
Generating Sites for 2023**

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**Rapport de surveillance  
réglementaire des sites  
nucléaires pour 2023**

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Commission Meeting

Réunion de la Commission

February 25, 2025

Le 25 février 2025



January 7, 2025.

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SUBJECT: Upcoming public meeting on the Regulatory Oversight Report for Canadian Nuclear Power Generating Sites: 2023 (Ref. 2024-M-26) to be held on February 25, 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

We represent the Fundy Weir and Fundy North Fisherman's Association, which supports and advocates for healthy sustainable fisheries, and encourage viable fishing communities in Southwestern New Brunswick.

The Fundy North Fishermen's Association is pleased to provide our comments for consideration as you review the Oversight Report for the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generation Station for the year 2023.

As background, our members fish lobster, scallop, groundfish, herring and river species including shad, gaspereau and eel. Collectively, our mission is to be a catalyst for positive change, and we see value and strength in working together for a common good.

New Brunswick Power has always been a willing partner in that regard. Through ongoing dialogue, Point Lepreau officials have shared information about their various activities and efforts to ensure our shared waters are protected and the impacts to our fisheries are minimal.

In turn, we have brought NB Power on board with some of our own key activities such as our extensive Ghost Gear Retrieval program to recover and safely dispose of derelict traps that have been lost at sea that can pose a significant threat to marine ecosystems, fisheries and wildlife. Ghost gear, such as lost nets, traps and lines, continues to trap marine life, damage habitats and create hazards for vessels long after it has been abandoned.

Another area of common interest we have with Point Lepreau is climate change. As fishermen, we are seeing evidence of climate change in the Bay of Fundy. We are closely monitoring the changes so we can prepare for and mitigate any potential effects on our livelihood.

Over the past few years, Point Lepreau has connected us with the Station System Engineer who is the subject matter expert for the raw cooling water systems. This connection has allowed valuable information exchange between our two organizations, to share the results and observations of monitoring activities, and strategies for how we can both manage climate change impacts. We plan to continue this mutually beneficial exchange in the years to come.

From our long-standing relationship, we recognize the priority the Point Lepreau station puts on their safety and environmental protection programs. We are confident knowing they are also proactively addressing the impacts of climate change.

As a member of the station committee, the Point Lepreau staff provide us with updates on everything from operational activities to community involvement initiatives.

Over the years, in November, PLGS community liaison members and Senior Plant personnel go down to the neighbourhood Dipper Harbour wharf to see the lobster fishers before they set off on their first day of the fall/winter lobster season. The friends and neighbors enjoy a hot cup of coffee together as the boats prepare to head out. It is important to be a good neighbour, strong environmental steward and a community partner. The community surrounding Point Lepreau is a tremendous strength for the Station. PLNGS is fortunate to have a community partnership with the fishing community.

As with the fishing industry, effective regulatory oversight is an important part of safer, more effective operations, and we thank the CNSC for publicly sharing the Regulatory Oversight Report for the Canadian Nuclear Power Sites.

Sincerely,



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