

# NOTICE

## Preparation of Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessment Pursuant to the Nova Scotia ENVIRONMENT ACT

On December 17, 2019, the Minister of Environment concluded the environmental assessment review for the Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility Project proposed by Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation. The Minister decided that an Environmental Assessment Report is required in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

The Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation Northern Bleached Softwood Kraft pulp mill is located at Abercrombie Point adjacent to Pictou Harbour in Pictou County, Nova Scotia. The proposed project will consist of the development of a new effluent (wastewater) treatment facility (ETF) constructed on Northern Pulp property, and a transmission pipeline that will carry treated effluent overland and in the marine environment and discharge via an engineered diffuser (marine outfall).

The new ETF is proposed to employ the AnoxKaldnes BAS™ Biological Activated Sludge process purchased from Veolia Water Technologies, which combines Moving Bed Biofilm Reactor (MBBR) technology with conventional activated sludge. Once treated onsite at Northern Pulp's facility, effluent will be sent through an approximately 15 km long pipeline. The pipeline will enter the south side of Pictou Harbour and make landfall on the north side of the harbour roughly following Highway 106 right-of-way to Caribou, and then re-enters the marine environment adjacent to the Northumberland Ferries marine terminal and continues for approximately 4.0 km through Caribou Harbour to the Northumberland Strait, terminating at an engineered marine outfall.

Copies of the Draft Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment Report will be available from January 8, 2020, at the following locations:

- Pictou Library, 40 Water Street, Pictou, NS
- New Glasgow Library, 182 Dalhousie Street, New Glasgow NS
- Environmental Assessment website <https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea/>

The public is invited to submit written comments on the Draft Terms of Reference which will be used in preparation of the Final Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment Report to:

Environmental Assessment Branch  
Nova Scotia Environment  
P.O. Box 442, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2P8

on or before February 7, 2020, or contact the Department via Fax at (902) 424-6925 or e-mail at [EA@novascotia.ca](mailto:EA@novascotia.ca).

All comments received from the public consultation will be posted on the department's website for public viewing. In the case of an individual, the address, email and contact information will be removed before being placed on the website. By submitting your comments, you are consenting to the posting of your comments on the department's website.

