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RE: Consultation for Proposed Coastal Protection Act Regulations

Dear Ms. Towers:

The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) and the Association of Municipal Administrators, Nova Scotia (AMANS) appreciates your invitation to consult on regulations for the Coastal Protection Act.

As the administration of the regulations will involve municipal officials, we agree that input from our respective memberships is important. We have heard from our membership regarding the proposed consultation dates and several concerns were expressed.

All consultation dates are currently scheduled for the end of August, but many councils do not meet in August. If NSE proceeds with these dates, many municipal councils will not have an opportunity to consider the regulations, and to submit a formal response on behalf of their respective municipalities. Senior administrative staff have also indicated that vacation schedules will limit the availability of individuals who could be important contributors to this process. Further, one of the proposed dates is provincial election day and this may negatively impact engagement.

Finally, limiting attendance to three participants per organization poses a challenge for some municipalities who have additional staff and elected officials who would benefit from the consultation.

We are respectfully requesting the consultation you have proposed to take place in early fall, and we will be prepared to promote any new dates you forward to us. We also request the three-person limit be increased or eliminated.

Our memberships are aware of our requests, and we look forward to participating on this issue in the near future.

Kind regards,



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cc: Deputy Minister Justin Huston, DMA
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