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Amanda McDougall
Acting-President, NSFM

Mike Dolter
President, AMANS

Dear Ms. McDougall and Mr. Dolter

Thank you for your letter of July 26th, 2021 on behalf of AMANS and the NSFM regarding the current public consultation on regulations for the Coastal Protection Act. Municipalities are critically important to the success of this initiative and I appreciate you sharing your concerns with the scheduling of the consultation sessions.

In order to encourage broader municipal participation, we propose to schedule additional sessions in the first week of September and extend the overall consultation period to Thursday, September 30th, 2021. We will also remove the limit on the number of representatives per municipality per session. Since a number of municipalities have already indicated they wish to attend the originally scheduled sessions, we will keep these dates in place. This of course would not preclude additional representatives of any municipality from attending the sessions in September.

This change will extend the overall consultation period to eleven weeks, which we hope will provide the window municipalities need to review the consultation documents, attend sessions, and follow up with any written feedback they wish to submit. We will be in touch in the near future with the details for the additional sessions.

Thank you again for your interest in engaging with us as we work to make these regulations are effective and as easy as possible to implement.

Sincerely,



Julie Towers
Deputy Minister
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