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To: NRB - Comments
Subject: Comment on Gingras

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To the National Resources Board,

I am composing these comments in response to the citations of Michel Gingras, owner of Hog Island Wholesale Bait.

Citation number 15EC00812 Burned Material on-site in violation of condition 13 of LUP6F0501.

Mr. Gingras is a repeat offender of burning material. You will find proof of several of these activities documented in the fire warden's records. His conditional permit states no burning. The type of material that has been visible during periods of burning include old fishing shanties and a torn down house with the remains buried behind his bait building. This activity has been going on since the construction of the bait building. The remains of the burning are being used to fill in wet land. There are photos available for proof of this behavior. The burying of the old house was reported to Ted Cantwell and it was shared with Aaronn Brondyke.

2. Second Violation: Employees repeatedly arrive on the premises for work early in the morning prior to 6am and return with delivery trucks late at night well outside of the permitted hours of operation, in violation of condition 2 of LUP6F0501.

It appears that Hog Island Wholesale Bait feels these rules and conditions do not apply to their business or to Mr. Gingras. Operation outside of business hours was a regular occurrence before the citation and continues even after the citation being granted. Michel Gingras should be allowed to run his bait business but he should keep it under the conditions in which he started the business. Those conditions describe the business as a small warehouse for bait <u>only</u> and that all bait would be sold directly through his store with six small delivery trucks in operation, not twelve plus trucks including a number of tractor trailers.

The following is a list of changes and concerns that have taken place since the bait warehouse opened and expanded:

- 1. An abundance of seagulls on a regular basis which are known to carry a disease called Brucellosis that effects cattle and humans.
- 2. The sale of wood pellets, peat moss, mulch, Christmas trees, pumpkins... well outside the parameters of bait only.
- 3. An excessive amount of trucks and service vehicles parked outside at all times.
- 4. Dust from the driveway during the summer months.
- 5. Noise all hours of the day and night.
- 6. Truck traffic beyond the normal business hours.
- 7. Garbage that blows onto my land which has been reported to the town on several occasions.

I appreciate your consideration of the items described above and look forward to action being taken that will be in the best interest of not only myself but all of the neighbors that are impacted.