

## SOUTHERN GULF OF ST LAWRENCE COALITION ON SUSTAINABILITY

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Dear coalition members and friends.

First off I want to apologise to Francophones on our email list, that this message is only in English. Once the coalition has firm funding and hires a staff person, communications will be in both French and English. Until then - patience, mes amis!

The coalition had a productive first annual general meeting in Summerside PEI on 18-20 November 1999. We had 135 participants from all over the Southern Gulf region : a fine blend of government and non-government, First Nations, community groups and industry representatives. The formal report from that meeting will be coming out in French and English, later this year.

You are receiving this email because you either attended or were invited to attend some SGSLCS meeting. Until we hear otherwise, we will consider you to be interested in the work of the coalition, and send you emails now and then. To get off this list, just email back to [inova@isn.net](mailto:inova@isn.net) saying "remove me from the SGSLCS list!"

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1. Announcement of new executive

The Steering Committee of the SGSLCS is pleased to announce that as of February 2000 we have an executive, and our Committee has also been augmented with several new members. There are however still some seats to fill. The steering committee met in January and will meet again in Moncton in March. We will be opening a coalition office in Kinkora (near Summerside) PEI, hosted by the Baddeck Bay Environmental Management Association, but we have not yet hired a coordinator. Once we have sorted out staffing and process, working groups will go into action. The steering committee has already struck a number of sub-committees, which coalition members are encouraged to join (see below).

Our new executive (the Management Committee):  
Chairman Jean-Paul Vanderlinden (NB academic)  
Vice-chairman Larry Hildebrand (Environment Canada)  
Secretary Omer Brun (NB NGO)  
Treasurer Barry Jones (NB government)  
At large Vincent Robichaud (NB municipal)  
At large TBA (Industry seat)

Other steering committee members:  
Andrew Cameron (NS government)  
Artie Graham, (NS fishing industry)  
Bob Christie (NS NGO)  
Brenda Penak (PEI NGO)  
Bruce Raymond (PEI gov't)  
Bruce Wafer (Quebec NGO)  
Caroline Cameron (NS NGO)  
Crystal McDonald (PEI aquaculture industry)  
Dan MacInnes (NS academic)  
Deborah Walsh (NS petroleum industry)

Diane LaPointe (PEI potato processing industry)  
Eric Giguere (Quebec NGO)  
Gustave Mazerolle (NB fish packing industry)  
Irene Novaczek (PEI academic)  
Joel Corcoran (NB NGO)  
John Legault (Moncton DFO)  
Judy MacDonald (PEI municipal)  
Kerry Prosper (First Nations)  
Monique AuCoin (NS municipal)  
Natalie Price (Quebec NGO)  
Paul Deveau (NB mining industry)  
Mark McLeod (PEI NGO)

This coalition exists to help its members exchange information and work together on issues of common concern. The Steering Committee can set the stage, but then we need actors to play on it!  
If you have ideas on how working groups should be established and how they could function, please join the Working Group Process Committee.

To help develop a process for public discussion of issues around oil and gas development in the Southern Gulf, join the Oil and Gas Forum Committee.

If you have talents and energy for developing effective communications among coalition members, please sign up for the Communications Committee.

To get involved, just email me ( Irene at [inova@isn.net](mailto:inova@isn.net)), cc'd to Jean-Paul Vanderlinden ([vandrejp@umoncton.ca](mailto:vandrejp@umoncton.ca)) to be put in touch with the Steering Committee members who are already signed up for these committees.

## 2. Notification of oil and gas related workshop

2-3 March 2000: "Understanding the Environmental Effects of Offshore Hydrocarbon Development", Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Dartmouth, NS. For information on the free workshop, email Lesley Griffiths at [grifmuec@fox.nstn.ca](mailto:grifmuec@fox.nstn.ca)

## 3. Funding information for community groups

The North American Fund for Environmental Cooperation (NAFEC) will accept proposals for the 2000 grant cycle until 31 March 2000 for community-based projects that focus on: (1) linking biodiversity conservation with trade in green goods and services; or (2) pollutants and health\_improving public access to information, decision-making and environmental justice. For details, refer to the "Call for Proposals" at <http://www.cec.org/english/nafec> or email [nafec@ccemtl.org](mailto:nafec@ccemtl.org)

## 4. Other events and resources

### "BY THE SEA"

"By the Sea" is a guide to eleven ecosystems within the coastal zone of Eastern Canada. It provides information on the inhabitants of our coastal zones, on the importance of these environments to our economy and well-being, and on the part we can play in preserving these habitats. Parts of the introduction module, a short summary of the eleven modules and activities are available at <http://www.gfc.dfo.ca/habitat/> . For more information, email [Corvus@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:Corvus@nbnet.nb.ca)

### COASTAL ZONE 2000 YOUTH FORUM

1 May 2000 is the deadline for submitting papers, posters, art work, etc. to the Coastal Zone 2000 Youth Forum scheduled for 15-17 September in Saint John, NB, prior to Coastal Zone Canada 2000. The underlying focus of the Youth Forum (ages 16-29) will be the concept of the Ecological Footprint, and

personal accountability for the health of the environment. For details, access <http://www.sybertooth.ca/czczcc2000/yf.htm> or email [Westheadm@mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:Westheadm@mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca)

#### CEAA FIVE YEAR REVIEW

In December 1999 the federal Minister of Environment, David Anderson, launched a review of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act in response to legislation that calls for "a comprehensive review of the [Act's] provisions and operation" to be undertaken five years after its coming into force. The review will comprise several elements, including an interactive website and national public consultation meetings to be held in 19 centres across Canada. Details are available at [http://199.212.18.103/index\\_e.htm](http://199.212.18.103/index_e.htm)