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Voice of the people

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What's next?

Whether or not one agrees with the seal hunt, I believe everyone should be concerned about Bill 50, which would amend the Protected Wilderness Areas Act to enable the provincial environment minister to allow fishermen to kill grey seals on Hay Island, a protected space. This is paving the way for other industries to be given permission to destroy our pristine wilderness areas.

What's next? Allowing the lumber industry onto Dollar Lake Provincial Park? Allowing the mining industry onto Ship Harbour Long Lake Wilderness Area? Nova Scotia's protected areas belong to all Nova Scotians, and commercial industry should not be allowed access to those areas.

Olivier Berreville, Halifax

Dangerous precedent

While announcing changes to the Protected Wilderness Areas Act to allow access to protected Hay Island to kill grey seals, the environment minister could not explain why the changes were necessary (Oct. 28 article). He told media there is no good reason to kill grey seals, but no good reason not to.

Peter Labor, acting manager of protected areas, admits this is not about killing seals to protect the biodiversity of the area, but is simply "about providing opportunity for the DFO-licensed seal harvest to occur on Hay Island."

Why, then, is a seal harvest on Hay Island necessary? DFO says there is no science to indicate killing seals will bring back the fish. There are no markets for grey seal products and no buyers could be found last year. So why kill grey seals on Hay Island?

This sets a dangerous precedent, giving the minister the power to allow commercial industry to rape and pillage our protected areas. What's next?

Nadia Bobak, Halifax

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Shipping expert?

In response to Senator Stephen Greene's recent comments on Halifax and the proposed Melford container terminal: Does reading a brief written by your party, which has been a strong supporter of the Melford project, make you an expert on container shipping trends or just a loyal follower?

In Halifax, the current container shipping would have to increase by 30 to 40 per cent just to return to the previous high levels of four to five years ago. Even at those high levels, both terminals were not at their full capacity. Problems of expansion and trucks on city streets are minor problems associated with all successful ports.

What do we do with the thousands of people making an honest living working directly and indirectly in the Port of Halifax (longshoremen, truckers, warehousemen, etc.)? What do we do about the lost tax revenue and the lost wages that Halifax and its businesses lose? Do we pass these costs on to property owners and businesses in the city?

Maybe Senator Greene should just kick his shoes off, put his feet up and enjoy his new job of feeding in the public trough.

Richard Shea, Halifax

Responding to visitors

In response to a recent Reader's Corner about changes to Kejimikujik, I would like to provide information on some of our new initiatives. Parks Canada manages its national parks and national historic sites on behalf of all Canadians, regularly seeking their input on desired programs and services that will help them enjoy their visit.

At Kejimikujik, we've listened to our visitors, developing new services to meet their needs. Last year, these included a campground Internet cafe and a hand-held audio-visual interpretation device, particularly well received by younger users. This year, we are planning to add electrical service to 60 campsites, a very popular service at other national parks, and much requested by our users.

Parks Canada regularly reviews and renews programs, facilitating opportunities for visitors to experience Kejimikujik in ways that are personally meaningful. For one visitor, this may mean listening to an aboriginal story-teller or joining a group in a voyageur canoe; another might prefer the solitude of spending a night on a remote wilderness campsite.

Kejimikujik improvements, including the work towards becoming a dark sky preserve, will allow more opportunities for more Canadians to enjoy an authentic visit to their national park.

Harry DeLong, Superintendent,

Kejimikujik National Park

and National Historic Site of Canada

Limited options

Having heard and read the news of the fatal coyote attack on a young visitor to our province, I think it is time to either close the Highlands park to all visitors or get rid of some

of these animals before someone else is injured or killed.

Animal-rights people can say what they want, but a human life is more important than that of an animal hell-bent on attacking and killing people. If I ever see one around my camp, it will be killed. I will do it with no hesitation.

Gerald Harris, Halifax

Open season on coyotes

It's time to get the guns out. It seems the coyote population has lost all fear of humans. We need to have an open season on these critters to instil some fear of being shot at or killed by humans.

George Presby, Red Islands



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