

August 19, 2019

Twila Gaudet
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Dear Ms. Gaudet:

RE: Halfway River Aboiteau

We are notifying you about on-going work the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) is completing on the recently installed Halfway River culvert in Hantsport.

On Sunday, August 11, 2019, NSTIR was advised to what appears to be settlement occurring in the trail crossing near the culvert. We have attributed this issue to erosion occurring around both the culvert structure and embankment.

To prevent further erosion from occurring, we will be working to stabilize this infrastructure over the next few weeks. To perform the required work, TIR is looking to install temporary gates at the Minas Basin end of the culvert to keep the tide out while contractors perform the work. We are therefore notifying you to advise that the installation of the gates will impede the free flow of water, which is outside the original scope of our project. This work is scheduled to start later this week and should take approximately 6- 8 weeks to complete. The gates are expected to come off when the repairs are complete.

As you may be aware, the Province does currently have a multi-year fish survey program in place for this location. We are not anticipating this work to interfere with the spawning of fish during our anticipated work, however we will continue to monitor as the work is carried out.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this work and the installation of the temporary gates, please contact Ryan Swinemar at 902-424-2041. We will also continue to advise you of any updates during this temporary repair.

Sincerely,



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