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To Whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Background Report of the Fundy Tidal Energy SEA. I was very impressed with the level of detail presented in Section 5 of the report: Existing Environment. It was very comprehensive and leaves me with little to add, except to offer to participate in any studies that will document the scope of the commercial fisheries in key regions of interest in tidal power development. The vital importance of the passages of the Outer Bay as the drivers of the the Bay of Fundy and Gulf of Maine systems in terms of water movement, nutrient upwelling, plankton production and abundance, and feeding areas was clearly conveyed in the body of the report. My one disappointment is that this information did not result in a more clear declaration of the need for the precautionary approach for Tidal energy development in the Outer Bay passages (Head Harbour etc.). The exec. summary and conclusion of the report emphasized a vast need for further study but it recommended that research and development continue in all key areas. I would argue that there is ample evidence to conclude that the passages of the Outer Bay of Fundy are simply too critical to the functioning of the entire Bay of Fundy System to risk the impacts of TISEC, notably altering the critical physical process of water movement by reducing current flows, the implications this could have on the productivity of the area and its value as a critical food source for many organisms, and thirdly the clear impacts on herring migrations due to noise.

Yours Truly,

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