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Bay of Fundy Inshore Fisherman's Association

The BFIFA's Executive and members were disappointed to learn recently of the dismissal of our case by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, but we were not shocked by this outcome.

The timing of the release of this decision is highly suspect. The fishermen of Nova Scotia have waited for two months for word of our fate from the Court. The coincidence of its delivery the very day after proponents at the Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy announced they would be removing their turbine for unscheduled maintenance on systems responsible for transmission of environmental monitoring data, and the day after delivery to the public of that data, is too much for our members to accept.

"The insidious influence of politics in Nova Scotia into areas where it has no business, like environmental decision making, regulatory affairs and ultimately, the judiciary does a great disservice to all Nova Scotians and their futures.", said Colin Sproul, BFIFA spokesperson

Over the course of the last year the Association's advocacy surrounding irresponsible tidal power generation has taken us to Ottawa, Halifax and many points between. Along this journey we have been subjected to lies, threats, intimidation, surveillance, attempted bribery and manipulation by governments, both Provincial and Federal as well as tidal energy's corporate proponents. This conduct has been shocking to our membership and has only served to galvanize our resistance to seeing our children's futures destroyed by corporate greed and government ineptitude.

"In the Court's decision it is stated that the court should not be an arbiter of scientific fact, but then the court goes on to do just that. Namely, to accept industry controlled junk science as the truth. The Provincial government has proven itself unwilling or unable to make these judgements for the benefit of Nova Scotians. If not them or the courts, who can we trust to do this?", said Colin Sproul, BFIFA spokesperson

The Bay of Fundy Inshore Fisherman's Association remains firmly opposed to the current state of tidal development in the Bay. Our position is supported by fact and law. Our members have pursued this way of life for hundreds of years. We are not going anywhere, this is our home, this is our life. At this time, we have an appeal of the decision under consideration.

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