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Dear Carla Sullivan:

**STOP WORK ORDER: BAY BULLS - BAULINE MULTI-USE TRAIL**

On October 6, 2022, the Bay Bulls-Bauline Multi-Use Trail (the Undertaking) was registered for environmental assessment as EA Reg. # 2202 in accordance with Subsection 48(1)(f) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations under the **Environmental Protection Act** (the **Act**). The Proponent for the Undertaking is the Bay Bulls-Bauline Athletic Association, for which you are the principle contact person for the purposes of environmental assessment. As noted in a letter addressed to you from my department, dated October 14, 2022,

*"...under the provisions of the **Act**, undertakings may not proceed and other government agencies may not issue any relevant authorizations until a decision is rendered by the Minister."*

A copy of the October 14, 2022 – letter is attached.

Environmental Assessment is a legislated process under Part 10 of the **Act**. In accordance with the legislation, I am consulting with the public and with other Ministers of the Crown prior to making a decision as to whether the Undertaking may be released from environmental assessment or whether further environmental assessment is required. I am due to issue my decision to the Bay Bulls-Bauline Multi-Use Trail Association by November 20, 2022.

My department has recently been advised that officials from the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture conducted a field investigation at the proposed site of the Undertaking on October 28, 2022, and observed excavators actively working to construct the Undertaking.

I am hereby advising you that proceeding with the construction of an Undertaking that has not been released or exempt from environmental assessment is a violation of Section 48 of the **Act**, and I am issuing the following order, effective immediately:

In accordance with Subsection.99(1)(a) of the **Act**, **the Bay Bulls Bauline Athletic Association must immediately STOP all activities to construct the Undertaking.**

My department has been further advised that, on October 28, 2022, the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture issued a "Stop Order" to the Southern Shore Trailway Association for constructing a road on Crown lands identified in the Undertaking without holding a document permitting lawful occupancy. Such activity is a violation of the **Lands Act**, and the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture has ordered the Southern Shore Trailway Association to cease immediately any further activity and/or construction on the site, and to restore the land to its original condition.

Please be advised that, as Minister of Environment and Climate Change, I cannot render an environmental assessment decision on an Undertaking that is contrary to a law or a policy of the province.

Failure to comply with my order is an offence under s.114 (1) of the **Act**, and may result in prosecution of the Bay Bulls Bauline Athletic Association.

If you have any questions regarding these orders, or the reasons for the issuance of the orders set out above, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director, Environmental Assessment Division at (709)729-0673 or by email at [joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca/](mailto:joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca/).

Sincerely,



**HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA**  
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Minister

Enclosures

Cc: The Honourable Derrick Bragg, Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture  
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