

Letters from K. Marche:

Letter 1

<http://newszoom.com/life/oil-spill-may-island-disappear-2-years/>

Please see the above video to understand why I feel any risk of an oil spill, blowout or uncontrollable leak with fracking at Shoal Point is too great and a good reason not to allow fracking until it is, beyond any reasonable doubt, proven safe. It's happened with Cat Island, Louisiana. An uncontrollable bitumen leak destroyed muskeg after 60,000 litres escaped in Primrose, Cold Lake, Alberta. A year later, it was still leaking. Such an accident at Shoal Point or anywhere along the west coast / Gulf of St. Lawrence would be devastating.

Letter 2

Please accept these two photos and my commentary as part of my submission to the panel.

While I am totally appreciative of the fact that the Department of Natural Resources has dutifully taken the time, energy and due care to protect the "low northern rockcress" that grows on the limestone hills of Pine Tree, Port au Port East, with this alert that was erected several years ago AND a hefty fine or imprisonment for offenders caught, the **glaring irony** of the juxtaposition of this message against the backdrop of Shoal Point in Port au Port Bay never ceases to amaze me. There is something horribly amiss, something critical that seems to be ignored... our bays, coastlines, air, water, wildlife, land, health, social well-being, fisheries, tourism, ALL require due care and protection. Potential offenders who may destroy the rockcress pale in comparison to what potential harm and devastation hydraulic fracturing would do to the habitat of this endangered flower, to Shoal Point, to Port au Port Bay and every place else along the entire west coast.

ALERT

Endangered Species



The **Low Northern Rockcress**, an **endangered plant**, occurs here in the limestone (gravel) soils of the exposed slopes and mountain ridges. This **small plant** is very difficult to see and is not found anywhere else in the province. Gravel removal, vehicle traffic, and trampling are just a few activities that can harm or kill this plant.

It is an **offence** under the Endangered Species act of Newfoundland & Labrador **to disturb or harm** an endangered species or their habitat.

Conviction of an offence may lead to fines ranging from **\$1,000 to \$50,000** or imprisonment of up to **1 year**.

For further information, contact the Wildlife Division (709-637-2026) or the nearest District office of the Department of Natural Resources.

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