

SIERRA CLUB AND SIERRA CLUB CANADA  
JOINT RESOLUTION BY BOARDS OF DIRECTORS  
JULY 15, 2005

IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY-BASED  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN DIGBY NECK, NOVA SCOTIA AND

IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED BASALT QUARRY AND OTHER  
INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES THREATENING DIGBY NECK AND ISLANDS, THE  
BAY OF FUNDI, AND THE PRESENT AND PROPOSED BIOSPHERE REGIONS

On the occasion of their visit to Digby Neck and Islands, Nova Scotia, and upon learning of the innovative approaches being taken to community-based, environmentally-sensitive economic development which is now being threatened by a basalt mega-quarry proposed by Bilcon a subsidiary of Clayton Concrete of New Jersey,

The Boards of Directors of Sierra Club and Sierra Club Canada commend the communities and residents of Digby Neck for pursuing sustainable local economic development that preserves the local environment and provides a model for increased local self-sufficiency based on low energy inputs as the world faces rapidly diminishing oil supplies and global climate change;

Further, the Boards stand with the local community in opposing the proposed mega-quarry for mining basalt which would threaten the existing and proposed contiguous biosphere regions and exacerbate unsustainable sprawl in other locations, while continuing the failed model of corporate globalization in this pristine corner of the world.

The Boards also oppose the proposal by the Hyatt Nova Scotia Spring Water Company with headquarters in New Hampshire to mine water for bottling at Gulliver's Cove on Digby Neck which is seeking a permit in spite of a democratic vote by the community in opposition to the proposed plant and concern about the potential threat to local water supplies.