

## Alain Poirier

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**From:** Stephane Cyr  
**Sent:** April-13-18 10:25 AM  
**To:** Alain Poirier  
**Subject:** FW: NS Offshore speaking tour: follow-up

Hi Alain,

Please add the attached letter (see below) to the agenda under Correspondance.



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**To:** Ronnie Leblanc  
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Dear Warden LeBlanc,

Thanks so much for taking the time to meet with us during the “Nova Scotia Offshore Drilling: Worth the Risk?” speaking tour, organized by the Council of Canadians and the Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia the week of March 19th.

Late last week, we learned that BP’s rig is now on its way to one of the lease sites and is expected to arrive shortly. After leaving Bay Bulls, NL on Thursday, the West Aquarius (a Seadrill rig commissioned by BP) received approval from the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) to enter Nova Scotian waters. We helped issue a [media release](#) to express concern with this.

The information that investigative journalist Antonia Juhasz shared from her experience investigating BP's Deepwater Horizon spill and the knowledge of the risk to the fisheries shared by Colin Sproul really highlighted what could happen if a catastrophic spill were to occur. This information along with the perspectives from Michelle Paul in Halifax and Peter Puxley in Shelburne and Lunenburg certainly clarified for me that for the small number of jobs and minimal royalties, offshore drilling is not worth the risk.

If you were not able to attend one of the public events during the tour, check out the full-length videos from both the [Lunenburg](#) and [Halifax](#) events! (unfortunately the wifi wasn't strong enough in the Shelburne venue, but it had the same speakers as the Lunenburg event.) Please also feel free to share these on social media or otherwise.

With the rapidly-changing situation, we'll have more follow-up soon. In the meantime, here are some ideas for you to get more involved to have your voice heard:

- Write a letter expressing your concerns about offshore drilling as they relate to your community (protection of the coastal environment, saving the multi-billion dollars tourism and fishing industries, etc.). We suggest that you ask that the permits for BP's project be retracted and that the project be stopped, and send that letter to Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil. If you are comfortable sharing that letter with local media we encourage you to do so.
- Attend the Unwelcoming Party outside the BP office in Halifax tomorrow at 1pm. If you're in Halifax, please join (and let me know you're able)! Otherwise I hope you'll share this with anyone who might be able to come.
- Sign [our petition](#) calling for a moratorium on offshore oil and gas in Nova Scotia, and a stop to the changes proposed in Federal Bill C-69 which would give greater powers around the environmental assessment process to the offshore petroleum boards. Please sign and share this as well.

We'll be in touch again soon with more information, but in the meantime please get in touch if anything comes up, or if you have other ideas on how to intervene (like with the UNSM as you mentioned during the meeting). Thanks again!

In solidarity,  
Angela Giles

(on behalf of the Organizers of the "Nova Scotia Offshore Drilling: Worth the Risk?" speaking tour: Marion Moore, Robin Tress, Marilyn Keddy, Andrea Harden)

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