



SIPEKNE'KATIK
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Nova Scotia Supreme Court Released Decision on Sipekne'katik's Stay Request

(INDIAN BROOK FIRST NATION, NS) – On July 13, 2016 Justice Michael Woods released his decision to not grant Sipekne'katik's request for a stay regarding Alton Gas Natural Gas Storage project.

Chief Rufus Copage stated, "I am very disappointed with today's decision. Sipekne'katik leadership remains committed to pursuing all legal remedies including our appeal hearing on August 17 & 18, 2016".

Today at Assembly of First Nations Annual General Assembly a resolution was passed to fully support Sipekne'katik Band in its request to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard to designate the Shubenacadie River system as Critical Habitat, through an Emergency Order to protect the migration corridor for the inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon.

This resolution also provided a mandate to the National Chief to issue a letter of support for the Sipekne'katik Band's request to protect Atlantic Salmon to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and other responsible federal government agencies.

Protection and preservation of the resources found within the Shubenacadie River System are of utmost importance to ensure these natural resources are available for future generations.

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Sipekne'katik is a Mi'kmaq Band in Nova Scotia with over 2,600 members throughout Mi'kma'ki and beyond. Sipekne'katik represents itself in all consultation and negotiation matters that concern Sipekne'katik.

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