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RECENT ACCIDENTS BY OIL & GAS INDUSTRY

- 2016: In very rough seas, Shell drops lower marine riser package and 2000m of drill pipe from Stena Icemax, landing 12 metres from the wellhead. Allowed to abandon lost equipment on ocean floor.
- June 2018: BP spills 136,000 L of synthetic 'drilling mud'. Investigation concludes BP will install pressure gauge on drilling fluid system.
- November 2018: Husky Energy spills a reported 250,000 litres of oil into the ocean. None of it could be contained or recovered.

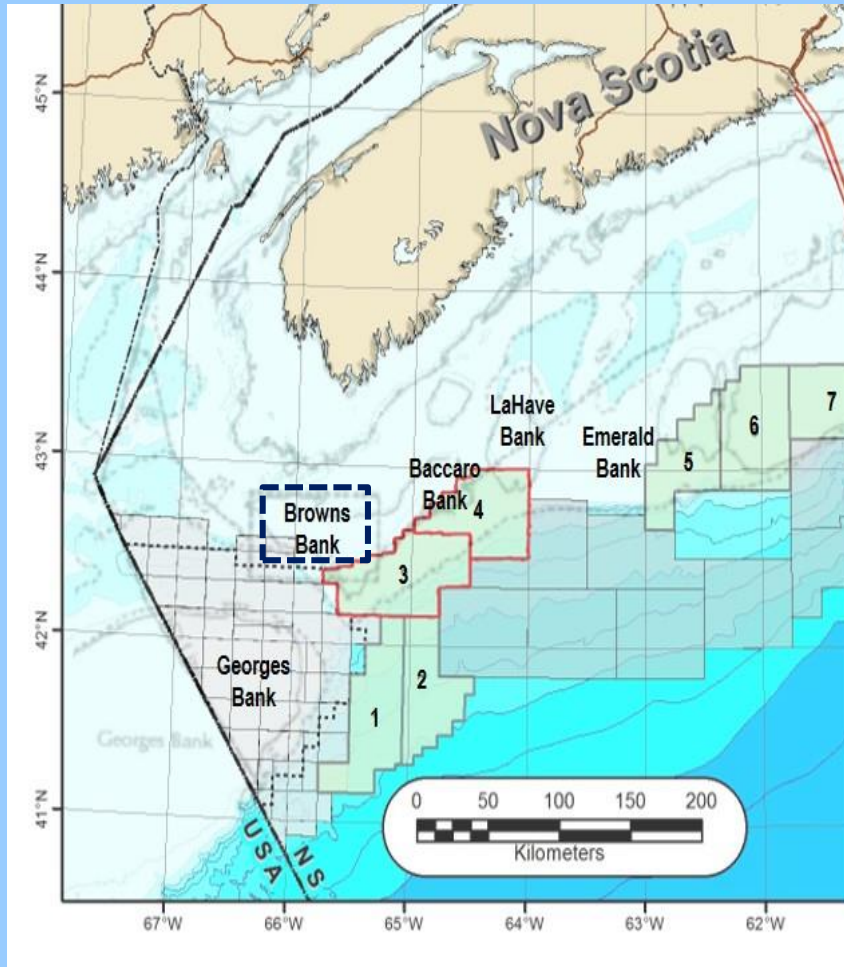
THE NOVA SCOTIA SEAFOOD INDUSTRY

- In 2016 the annual “Exported Value” of Nova Scotia Seafood Products was estimated at 1.8 Billion by the province.
- Seafood Industry responsible for 25,000 direct jobs alone.
- The Seafood Industry has existed for several hundred years in Nova Scotia. Seafood is a renewable resource and Nova Scotia Seafood is exported the world over.
- Every coastal community in this province depends upon the seafood industry. If the fishery were to be destroyed by an oil disaster, what will we do?

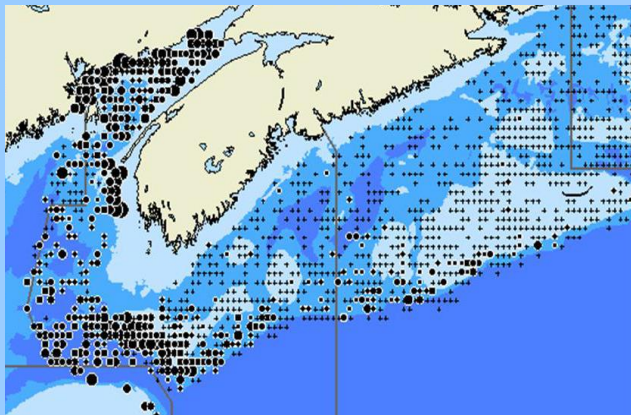
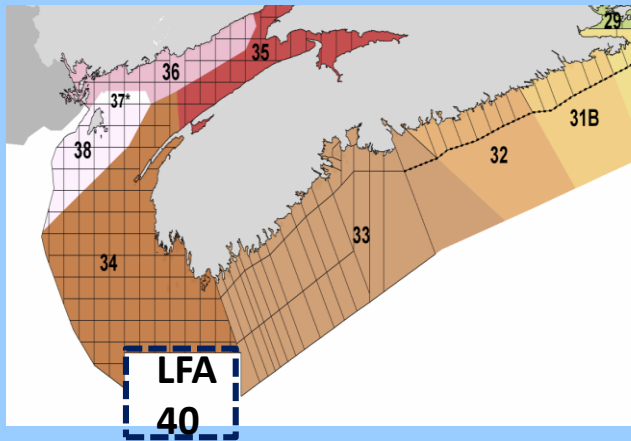
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- Current regulations are not sufficient to protect the marine environment and our industry from an oil and gas disaster.
- COAC formed in late 2015 to provide a unified voice for the seafood industry on oil and gas concerns in the NS Offshore.
- COAC is made up entirely of volunteers from the seafood industry, both harvesting and processing sectors.
- COAC has asked CNSOPB repeatedly to enact stronger regulatory measures to better protect the marine environment and seafood industry from an oil disaster. All of our reasonable asks have been categorically ignored.

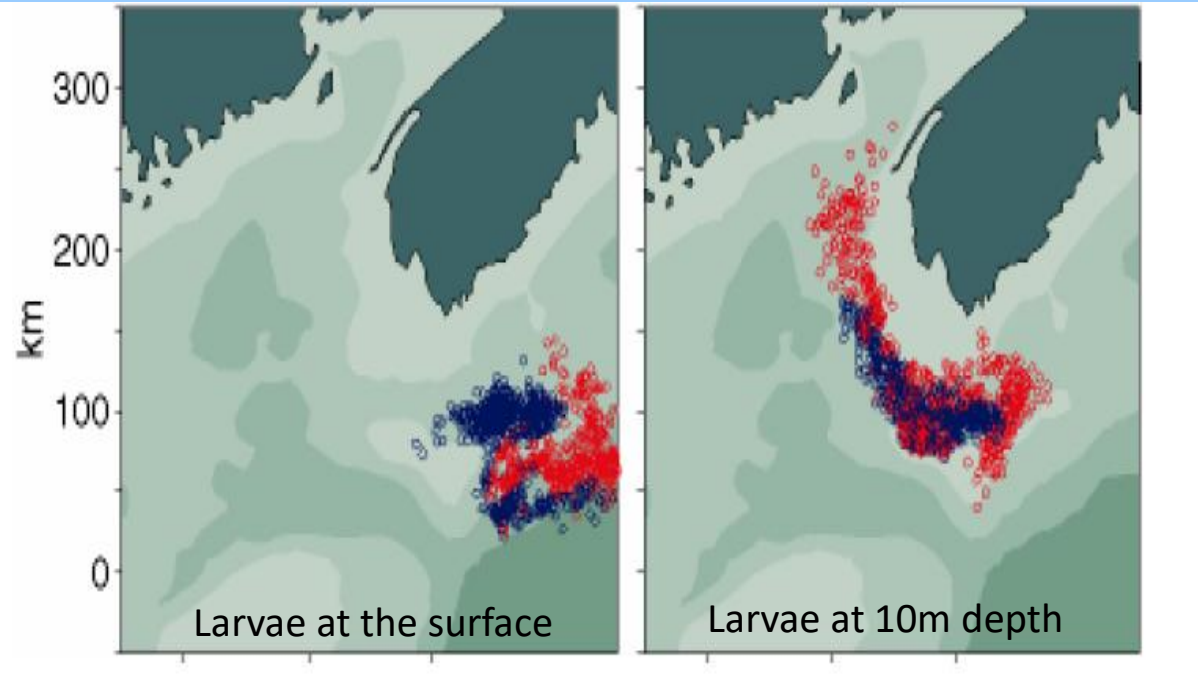
2016 CNSOPB Lease Sites 1, 2, 3, 4 & Location and Tidal Flow



LFA 40 and Distribution of Larval Lobster



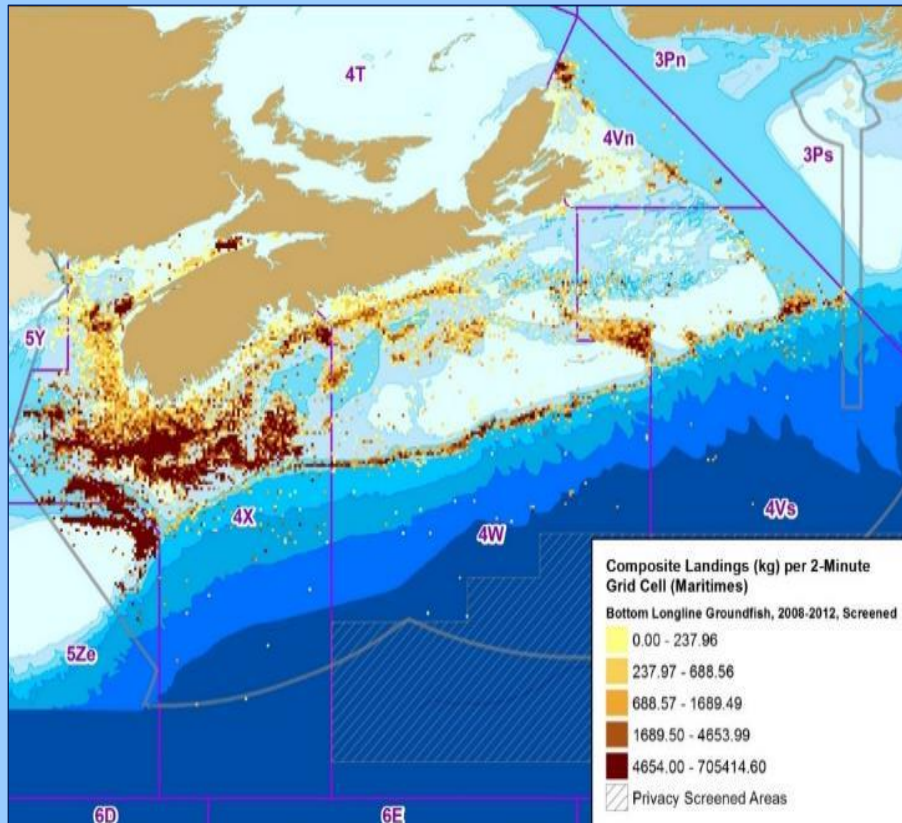
Lobster Density, DFO



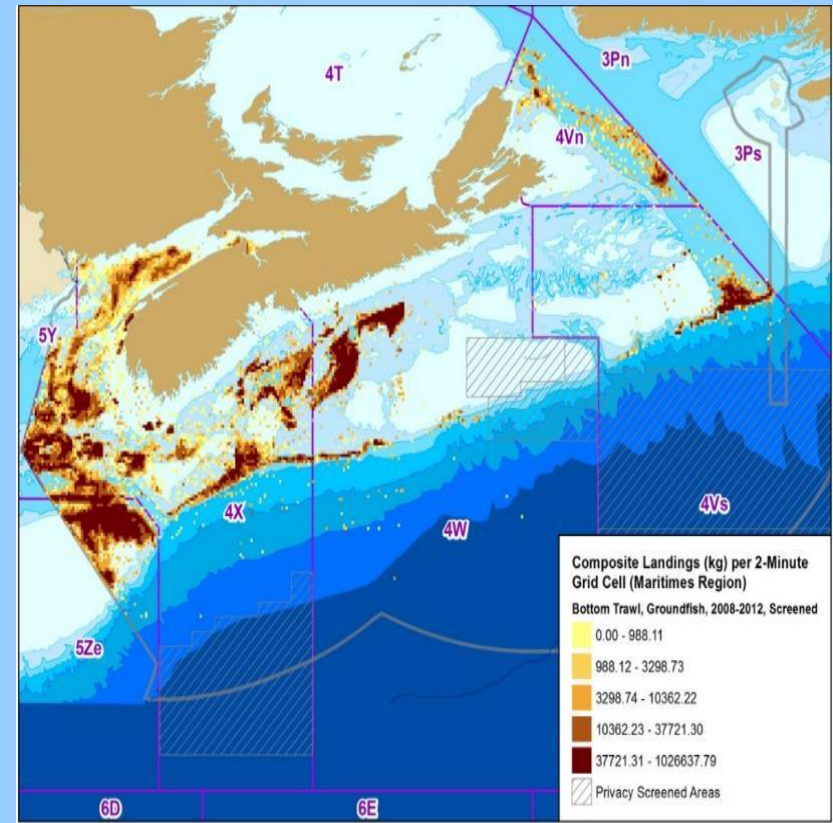
Blue = 15 day Red = 30 day

Spilled oil on sites 3 and 4 would simply be catastrophic.

Groundfish Landings within the tidal flow of Sites 3 and 4



Longline



Bottom Trawl



The Deepwater Horizon spill
affected an area more than

3 times

the size of Nova Scotia

Leading Expert on Offshore Risk Assessment

Dr. Robert Bea:

*“I felt déjà vu
looking at BP’s
proposals to drill
offshore Nova
Scotia”*





Seismic Blasts: The loudest human-produced noise, right after nuclear and chemical explosions

WE NEED A PUBLIC INQUIRY

- grossly inadequate regulatory system
- lack of public involvement
- no public education based on unbiased research
- risk to our way of life and sustainable fishery and tourism





Sable Island National Park Reserve

WHY MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD TAKE A STAND

- municipalities offer residents the most immediate and accessible form of democracy
- this issue fundamentally affects the economic and environmental health of our rural South Shore communities
- municipalities heavily influenced the inquiry which resulted in the Georges Bank moratorium
- towns and cities in the US were responsible for the moratorium in the US Atlantic
- concerned citizens have been ignored in the regulatory approval process. Municipalities need to defend that right.

Support the call for a public inquiry!



Thank you!

