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Dear Colton LeBlanc:

Thank you for your letter dated September 21, 2020 regarding a concentration of mosquitoes and its impact to the residents in Yarmouth County; specifically, Hubbards Point, Amirault's Hill, Sluice Point, Surette Island and Morris Island.

I am aware you spoke to Paddy-joe MacMillan, District Manager in our Yarmouth Office, in July of this year about the issue and she conveyed that our colleagues at the Department of Lands and Forestry, suspected the insect was similar to a mosquito and one that appears in multiple year cycles, similar to cicadas.

I understand the concern and following challenges the residents would have with this issue. Forest Protection, Department of Lands and Forestry, may have some expert knowledge of insects that may be beneficial in dealing with the issue. They can be reached at (902) 751-1006. I have also copied the Honorable, Minister of the Department of Lands and Forestry on this response.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Adrian Fuller, Executive Director, NS Environment, Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement Division. Include contact

Sincerely,

Gordon Wilson, MLA
Minister of Environment

c: Hon. Derek Mombourquette, Minister of Lands and Forestry
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