

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Money going to the wrong places

To Percy Paris, minister of Economic and Rural Development.

Fisheries Minister Belliveau is criss-crossing the Province talking about the government handing out bag fulls of cash to Cooke Aquaculture. This is part of the so-called \$150 million Cooke expansion for sites in Truro, Digby and Shelburne. Aquaculture sites (open pen) in Shelburne, a nursery in Digby and a feed lot in Truro.

Is Mr. Belliveau talking about \$50 million, \$100 million, \$125 million investment by your department?

Cooke/Belliveau are talking about the potential of upwards of 400 jobs, the vast majority paying just above minimum wage. Hell it wasn't that long ago that your government wouldn't cough up \$7 million to keep the Yarmouth ferry running and the direct loss of 200 good paying transporta-

tion jobs and hundreds in the service sector. Is the little guy from Milton, Premier Dexter, on side with the Minister of Fisheries?

I think its high time that you rein in the Minister and the notion of spending a hundred million dollars of taxpayer dollars on an ill advised scheme to pollute our environment. After your department finds the money, to get a ferry service up and running from Yarmouth to the U.S., then it may be time to discuss environment friendly last based aquaculture with Cooke. Any investment of tax payers dollars must consider the environment first and jobs second.

I would ask you to give this matter your earliest attention, so any and all confusion, can be put in its place.

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