

April 24th

Dear Ed:

Thank you for the copy of the letter to Kip. I wanted to write you immediately but we have been extremely busy in the shop since our 5 day stint down at Williamsburg and Chincoteague, Virginia. (oysters galore)

I assume you have a copy of your letter to Kip and would like to go over a few points:

# 2 concerning the wells damaged in 1968-- Fred Beck's letter does seem to bear out his past announced intentions to live up to the "moral obligation" the company feels towards restoring a dependable water supply. (the letter in the Ellsworth American pg. 4)

# 3 giving away leased property--- Beck announced at the last meeting of the GPRS that: " Penobscot Mining of Canada has expressed a willingness to divest themselves of their holdings at Goose Pond after having a representative look over the property." I asked WHY did Penobscot want to unload their land ? Beck's response was interesting.... QUOTE.. The land represented too much of a headache for them to be involved with. .. UNQUOTE.

# 4 monitoring responsibility--- I believe this will be taken care of by the Dept. of Sea & Shore Fisheries, that is if they have the funds allotted to them ( they are a notoriously underfunded state agency)

removal of the dam -- would be in Callahan's interest towards termination of the lease arrangements with Bobby Gray, as well as Dr. & Virginia Gray.. I understand that Bobby was given title to the land where the dam is adjoining the northerly end of the dam. (or at least he is now in control of lease arrangements)

# 5 TAILINGS pond area (danger)---- if not properly graded then reseeded this area represents a quicksand situation... quote from Mr. William Nuzzo, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waltham Mass.

Spoil bank is dangerous but the easterly wall of the pit (pond area) itself is very hazardous in that it affords little chance for someone falling in the pit area or over turning in a boat close to this area and not being able to get out. so says Dr. Ruth Partick

# 6 How much money? I doubt you will ever get a hard figure out of Beck on this point.

# & Toxic silt in Goose Cove--- Beck called and assured me that "enough" funds were approved by Callahan in N.T. for the Aquaculture project, Reclamation and DREDGING, however the priorities come into play and as I understand it will up to the Town on what gets done first... the visible reclamation projects or the invisible ones like the silt in the cove.

Toxic silt continued--- The dredging will also be dependent on the action of the GPRS, that is, IF they vote the dredging of the silt as a top priority. Mr. Dow of the Dept. of S.&S.F. has voted so and so have I.... I do not know the results of Mr. Beck's "poll" as he has not yet made the tabulation known to the GPRS (convenient?)....

I have doubts if our committee can carry any weight with the State, Callahan or the Town... It was set up by Callahan and in my opinoin has been run by Callahan and with Beck in the position of Secretary the minutes (when they are written and distributed, months later) leave a great deal to be desired, as to what went on at the meetings.

Well, thank you Ed for taking an interest in this situation it is a great help to me knowing there is someone actively concerned who is willing and quite able to share their experience and speak up on some of these rather nitty gritty points. I hope with your influence with Kip the Town might be more able to make the right moves with the proposed Callahan land turn over.

I bear no animosity towards Fred Beck... he is a very sharp individual and if I were sitting in New York as an officer of the Callahan firm I would want no other person handling affairs at Goose Pond other than Mr. Beck.

Lastly:

I have signed the certificate of approval on the HIGH POOH BAMS addition to the Galena homstead. Could not locate ANY two inch putty and all this careful looking was done in complete sobriety (two cups of coffee).

Best to you both.

Sincerely,

April 17, 1973

COPY

Mr. Clifford Leach  
First Selectman  
Town of Brooksville  
Brooksville, Me. 04617

Dear Kip,

My first reactions to the offer by Callahan Mining to give their Cape Rosier properties to the Town under specified conditions were wholly favorable.

Now I have some reservations which I wish to share with you and the Board of Selectmen for your consideration.

1. Callahan is on public record to carry through a restoration and reclamation program which is acceptable to the Town and the State of Maine. Such a program has been started but is not yet completed in accordance with their own proposals. Their present offer, it seems to me, is virtually a "walk away" from their commitment which would leave the continuation and completion responsibilities to the Town.

2. The open pit mine changed the water table in the adjacent area and destroyed water wells serving five to seven residences. The company has yet to resolve permanently the problem of an adequate supply of potable water for area citizens. Who will pick up this problem if and when Callahan finally evacuates the property? This should be investigated with the persons involved and with their attorney, Mr. Sherman Greene, before the Town should become in any way responsible.

3. Are the 108 acres offered wholly owned by Callahan? Is some acreage only leased? How can Callahan offer to give away leased property?

4. Who assumes the responsibility for monitoring the Goose Pond waters and determining when and how the dam shall be removed to restore normal tidal flow between Pond and Cove?

5. Is Callahan leaving behind any areas on the property that are dangerous for public use? I am informed that one pond area is a virtual quicksand ~~and~~ unless seeded, and that there is a dangerous cliff portion on the spoil bank.

6. Callahan's offer to "loan" the Town funds for reclamation, with repayments contingent upon the sale by the Town of any parcels of land, is very vague. How much money? Why has not Callahan been able to make any land sales? Should the Town go into real estate

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business? If no land is sold, does the Town carry an indebtedness on the records indefinitely? Why is Callahan unwilling to expend money to fulfill their own commitment on reclamation whereas they now offer similar amounts (though unspecified) for the Town to complete their program? It is my understanding that the company is willing to "write off" any sums they expend in the future for reclamation as a "gift" to the Town. So why do they define such sums as a "loan"?

7. If it is deemed important to dredge out the accumulated silt on the bottom of Goose Cove, who will bear this responsibility and expense after Callahan finally leaves the site?

I feel that these problems and questions need to be resolved before Callahan's offer is accepted and I propose to present them at any Town meeting that is called to consider the matter.

Sincerely,

*Ed Young*

*"The Silt" is a bill AKA  
supposedly allocated to  
to "the silt" TPA - P.R.A.  
VOTAS DREDGING AS A TOP PRIORITY*

*Albert -  
Let's see what  
reaction this brings  
Regards,  
Ed*

# 108 Acre Minesite Offered To Town

Town officials of Brooksville have been notified by Fred Beck, Director of Exploration for Callahan Mining Corp., that the owner of 108 acres leased by Callahan has offered to give the land to the town. The owner is the Penobscot Mining Co. of Toronto, Ontario. The land was leased by Callahan during the operation of its open-pit zinc and copper mine at Harborside.

The letter, dated March 23, is addressed to First Selectman Kip Leach and reads as follows:

"We have been authorized by the Penobscot Mining Company of Toronto, Ontario to offer their real estate comprising some 108 acres more or less to the Town of Brooksville. In addition, Callahan Mining Corporation offers

to the Town the buildings situated on the Penobscot land, including the shop building, laboratory building, office building, and explosive building, together with all wiring, plumbing, water systems, etc.

"Both land and buildings would be given as a gift to the Town; in exchange for this, we would like to request the following:

"(1) Callahan may lease for a period of 3 years the laboratory, shop, and explosives building for \$1 per year. After 3 years, the lease would be renewable at a fair and equitable rental;

"(2) Callahan may lease sufficient land access to Goose

Pond to continue to conduct an aquaculture industry, said lease to be for 3 years at \$1 per year and renewable as above;

"(3) The Town would not refuse riparian permission to Callahan to conduct an aquaculture industry in Goose Pond;

"(4) Callahan would loan the Town funds, amount to be determined (at no interest), to conduct reclamation projects of its choosing on the property. Callahan would agree to manage and direct the work if requested. The Town would repay the loan to Callahan if and when portions of the donated property were sold. In no case would the Town be obligated to repay the

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loan prior to receiving proceeds from property sales.

"It should be pointed out that the Town would not be legally liable for any conditions or activities caused by Callahan during its mining operations. Callahan accepts these responsibilities as operator. Transfer of title does not transfer the responsibilities of the operator.

"I would like to formally request that the Town accept this gift. We would be happy to attend any meetings you would like to call — either before yourselves or at a special town meeting.

Selectman Leach says that there will be a special town meeting in a month or two to decide whether the town shall accept the gift of land.

He says that according to the terms of the offer, Callahan will loan the town funds to reclaim the land but that the town will not be required to repay the loan unless it sells the land after it is reclaimed.

The mill and crusher on the land, valued at \$223,000 by the town assessor, have been sold by Callahan to the Nelson Equipment Co., which is expected to remove them soon.

The other buildings and the land itself were taxed for approximately \$3,500 last year. Leach says that their value remains the same this year but the tax rate will rise some.

The land is adjacent to Goose Cove, recently allowed to refill after seven years of drainage and excavation. Across the Cove is the Holbrook Sanctuary, which has been given to the State by Miss Anita Harris of Holbrook Island.

**CALLAHAN PROPERTY OFFERED TO BROOKSVILLE** In a sweeping move, Callahan Mining Corporation, acting as agent for owners Penobscot Mining Co., of Toronto, have offered the town of Brooksville the entire holdings at the Goose Pond mining site. Included in the offer are the 107 acre property including the lengthy shore frontage on the pond and the buildings situated on the property including the shop, lab, office and dynamite structures. The offer was originally made to the Goose Pond Reclamation Committee, which felt the town was the better recipient. The formal offer to the town was made in a letter to first selectman, Clifford Leach late last month.

Selectman Leach indicated that a special town meeting would be held to act on the offer.

Commenting on the offer, Fred Beck of Callahan, noted that the property offered multiple possible uses for the town, including open space, recreation, siting for a small industrial operation and lease property. In this last category, Beck said Callahan would want to lease part of the property to continue their aquaculture project. He anticipates having 50,000 marketable salmon ready this summer and fall from the project.

Turning to the subject of the still unfinished reclamation of the site, Beck said the company would be willing to extend the town, if they accepted the property, a no-interest loan up to \$30,000 to help with this. The money would have to be returned only if the town sold the property.

*Wm. Sherman Greene, Jr.*  
*Attorney and Counsellor at Law*  
*Sunset, Maine 04683*  
*207-348-2881*

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1973

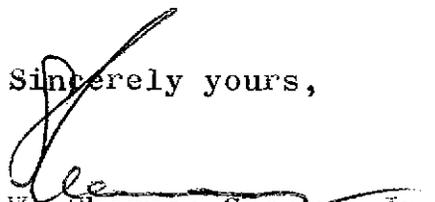
Dear Albert:

Thank you for your report of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1973 concerning the Pond, It will be interesting to know what reports you receive.

Although I think the Society directors can vigorously insist that some action be taken on the various matters you mention, I also agree with you that Callahan and others move very slowly. If nothing definite is agreed to, it may be necessary for you and the directors to consider some action.

Please keep me informed.

Sincerely yours,

  
Wm. Sherman Greene, Jr.

WSG:RL

Mr. Albert E. Sandecki  
50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield, N.J. 08033

BRECK CALL

4/10/73

NO APPLICATIONS TO CORPS  
YET FOR DREDGING OF  
GOOSE CREEK.

NO TIME TO FILL OUT  
FORMS. "24 HRS IN A DAY".

SEND AND FORMS AND  
DATA NECESSARY TO COMPLETE  
APPLICATION - O.K.

BRECK HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED  
TOWN TO TAKE PROPERTY.  
HAS NOT HEARD FROM KIP  
YET.

HAS RECEIVED RESULTS  
OF POLL BUT NOT YET REPORTED  
ON RESULTS.

TOWN WOULD HAVE LAND  
AND CONTROL DISPENSING OF  
RECLAMATION FUNDS.

AQUACULTURE & RECLAMATION  
PROJECTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN  
O.K. BY CALLAHAN FOR FUNDS  
"ENOUGH TO COVER DREDGING".

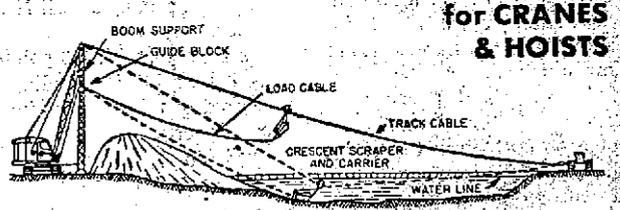
A.S.

REC'D. 14 MARCH 73  
(UNREGISTERED)

To: Goose Pond Reclamation Society Directors  
From: F.M. Beck, Secretary  
Subject: Priorities

I have been requested to poll the Directors on two points. First, what is the order of reclamation priorities as each director sees it, and second, would the directors rather see the Penobscot Mining Company land offered to the town than to G.P.R.S.? For your convenience, I'm enclosing a self-addressed envelope and a "ballot" for your use.

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for CRANES  
& HOISTS**



BOOM SUPPORT  
GUIDE BLOCK  
LOAD CABLE  
TRACK CABLE  
CRESCENT SCRAPER  
AND CARRIER  
WATER LINE

**SEND FOR  
BULLETINS  
TODAY!**

**A.A. NIELSEN INC.  
BRIELLE, N.J. 08730**

March 14, 1973

Name Albert E. Sandeck

1. Should the 107± acres of Penobscot Mining Company land and buildings (shop, lab, office) be given to the town or to G.P.R.S.?

I would have to reserve comment on this until Callahan produces a substantive proposal - for study.  
Town \_\_\_\_\_ ? G.P.R.S. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please indicate by number your preference for priorities of reclamation. All of the items listed are considered desirable, but it is possible that they can't all be funded by Callahan.

1 Dredging of Goose Cove (upper end) with spoils being trucked to tailings pond.

4 Seeding of shoreline areas on Goose Pond

3 Seeding of dump areas not already planted

2 Seeding of tailings pond area and providing assurance for permanent surface drainage

5 Other/Monitoring of pond and cove waters with removal of the concrete dam when monitoring indicates it

6 Other/is safe to do so.  
Removal of discharge pipe in cove bed and the best possible reconstruction of Goose Falls.

I hope the term "ballot" in the covering letter is not misunderstood to mean a vote on behalf of the directors. This is a poll for a general consensus.

Lastly, I would like to comment on the delay in receiving the minutes from the January 17th meeting held by the GPRS at the Brooksville Town Office. An eight week delay seems to me to be unreasonable and disruptive towards any continuity of progress in the reclamation of the Goose Pond area.

Respectfully submitted,

*Albert E. Sandeck*

Albert E. Sandeck  
Vice Pres. G.P.R.S.

(Attached to poll)

50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield, N.J.  
March 14, 1973

ref: GPRS Priorities  
Poll, from Mr. Fred  
Beck, recd. 14/3/73

To: Goose Pond Reclamation Society Directors:

I am mainly concerned about the need for the dredging of the toxic metal ions, pit and cofferdam sediments and would like to urge the members of the GPRS to consider the removal of these materials as a primary problem that should be dealt with as soon as possible.

When applied to the stabilization and revegetating of the tailings area it would seem logical that the placement of the dredgings on the tailings area would have to be done first prior to ditching and grading of the tailings area surface for seeding.

The two projects seem to be quite clearly linked.

It also seems doubtful that either project could be accomplished without the necessary permit to dredge from the Corps of Engineers.

I called the U.S. Corps of Engineers and spoke to Mr. Kenneth Jackson, who is in charge of this permits procedure with the Corps. I asked Mr. Jackson for an approximate estimate on the length of time needed to process such an application, he replied; "A minimum of 6 to 8 weeks dependant on the workload when the application is received."

It seems to me that delay in forwarding the necessary application forms to the Corps can cause a serious situation with further dispersion of the toxic metal ions, pit and cofferdam sediments into the bay area beyond Goose Cove.

With the dam being kept open presently to control the water level in the pond there is little doubt that there is enough flow from the pond at low water to spread these ions and silts further into the bay. This will greatly increase the cost of dredging the material in the future.

The seeding of the shoreline and dump areas also represent a desirable undertaking as a visible sign of progress in reclamation of the area, but in my opinion not one that should be placed ahead of unseen problems of the silt in Goose Cove.

Sincerely,

Albert E. Sandeck  
Vice Pres. G.P.R.S.

By STANT TO ALL DIRECTORS.



STATE OF MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF SEA AND SHORE FISHERIES

STATE HOUSE

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330

February 28, 1973

Mr. Albert Sandecki  
50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield, N. J. 08033

Dear Albert:

Thank you for your recent letter commenting on the NATIONAL FISHERMAN letter. Because of the factual errors and other distortions, I do not think it is worthy of a reply. Both John Hurst and I are satisfied to let our report stand on its own merits.

It is interesting that when representatives of Callahan Mining Corporation appeared at legislative public hearings years ago, they indicated that the employment would be considerably greater in total personnel than it was (250 people as I recall) and the mining operation would be carried on for a minimum of ten years and possibly up to twenty years. This is quite a contrast to the five years of actual operation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob".

ROBERT L. DOW,  
Marine Research Director

RLD/jwu



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
NEW ENGLAND DIVISION, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
424 TRAPELO ROAD  
WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02154

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:  
NEDOD-P-2

28 February 1973

Mr. Albert E. Sandecki  
50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield, N.J. 08033

Dear Mr. Sandecki:

This is to acknowledge your letter concerning the proposed removal of silt by the Callahan Mining Corporation in Goose Cove at Cape Rosier, Maine.

This office has not yet received an application from Callahan Mining Corporation for this work. Your letter will be placed on file and you will receive a copy of the public notice when an application for a Federal permit to do this work is received.

Sincerely yours,

*Kenneth M. Jackson*  
KENNETH M. JACKSON  
Civil Engineer  
Permits Branch

50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield,  
New Jersey 08033  
February 27, 1973

Callahan Mining Corporation  
41 Union Wharf  
Portland, Maine 04111

Mr. Frederick M. Beck  
Dist. Exploration Mgr.

Dear Fred:

I read your letter in the National Fisherman and was curious about your limitation of 2 or 3 + acres of Goose Cove being closed due to bacterial pollution.

Does the fact that the area was closed earlier due to this form of pollution give open permit to a more recent and broader toxic metal pollution of the area as indicated by Mr. Dow's studies and that of the Mil.T. group that Dr. Patrick met with in 1971 ?

Your point on Callahan's being instrumental in promoting mining legislation is also interesting when considering the history of the development of the State's administration bill.

All in all, I hope that this will not lead to disruption of the GPRS's progress on reclamation of the area.

Anything new on the proposed Penobscot land turn-over to the GPRS or the Town of Brooksville ? I have been anticipating the arrival of a study draft.

How is the request for the permit to dredge the Cove coming along ? I understood the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would do what they could to expedite your request through the necessary channels.

I also hope we have an agreeable understanding on the damage deposit held for the Tom Gray house as covered in my letter to you on the 26th of January.

Sincerely,

Albert Sandeck

February 23, 1973

Mr. John H. Gray  
Box 175-A  
Brooksville,  
Maine 04617

Dear John:

Thanks for the copy of the GPRS report for the  
Town.

When you put it all together it seems as though  
some progress has been made.

I have heard nothing new from Fred on the proposed  
turn over of the Penobscot property.

Hope you havent had too much snow this winter, down  
here we have not had a measurable snow fall all winter  
a few flurries but none on the ground. Strange winter..

Sincerely,

Albert Sandecki

## GOOSE POND RECLAMATION SOCIETY

On June 6, 1972, Goose Pond Reclamation Society was incorporated as a non-profit corporation in order to oversee reclamation, and/or administration, and/or sale of the former Callahan Mining facilities at Harborside if the need arose. It is presently acting in an advisory capacity to Callahan Mining Corp., which is doing the actual reclamation work.

The Directors are as follows:

Mr. John H. Gray	President
Mr. Albert E. Sandecki	Vice President
Mr. Frederick M. Beck	Secretary
Mr. Clifford Leach	Treasurer
Mr. Robert Dow	Marine Research Director for Dept. of Sea and Shore Fisheries
Mr. Robert Doyle	Administrator of Maine Mining Bureau
Mr. Robert Howard	
Mr. C. Shannon Blodgett	
Mrs. Florine Black	

The Annual meeting of the Corporation is to be held at a stated date in July where the nine directors are elected from the membership. The membership fee is five dollars per year and is open to any interested person.

Reclamation completed or in progress during 1972 by Callahan in cooperation with G.P.R.S.

1. Damming, grading, and seeding of Weir Cove Ditch
2. Grading and seeding of the more conspicuous areas of the rock dumps
3. Removal of much of the fresh water pond dam, and a channel dug in order to allow it to again become part of Goose Pond
4. Grading and removal of much of the waste rock from the pond bed to reduce navigational hazards
5. Flooding of Goose Pond
6. A ditch dug to reduce the amount of water flowing onto the tailings pond
7. Continued employment and taxes as a result of Callahan's Maine Sea Farms aquaculture experiment
8. Monitoring of Goose Pond and adjacent areas for toxic metal ions

Reclamation which could be completed as early as the end of 1973:

1. Dredging of Goose Cove
2. Revegetation of the tailings pond
3. Removal of the mill and crusher buildings and grading of the ore pad to cover their foundations

The Society is presently studying a proposal whereby the Harborside mining property would be turned over to G.I.R.S. or some other local unit. Reclamation would continue by means of money made available by Callahan Mining Corporation, by the possible sale of some of the land, and from any other source of revenue that can be found.

Respectfully submitted,  
John H. Gray  
President G.I.R.S.

*Alfred,*

*This is a copy of my report to the Town. My apologies for not getting it to you for prior approval. I trust that it will be acceptable to you.*

*Regards,*

*John H. Gray*

50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield,  
New Jersey 08033  
February 20, 1973

Department of the Army  
New England Corps of Engineers  
424 Trapelo Road  
Waltham, Mass 02154

ref:  
(NEDOD-F)

Mr. Kenneth Jackson  
Permits Branch

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I am writing in reference to the current status of the application for removal of the silt at Goose Cove, Cape Rosier, Maine.

Mr. William Nuzzo suggested I contact you as the person who is coordinating the application through the various agencies necessary for approval. I understand from Mr. Nuzzo the application made by Mr. Frederick M. Beck in the name of the Callahan Mining Corporation was received on January 30th.

I would appreciate your report on the progress to date of the application at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Albert E. Sandeck  
Vice Chrm'n GPRS

cc: CMF

50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield,  
New Jersey 08033  
February 20, 1973

State of Maine  
Department of Sea & Shore Fisheries  
State House, Augusta, Maine 04330

Mr. Robert L. Dow  
Marine Research Director

Dear Bob:

Received your Zerox of the article in the National Fisherman today.

I saw the article when the issue came out a few weeks ago and have had quite a bit of reaction from some friends and neighbors at Harborside. A few people have taken the time to send copyssto me along with comments that were frustrating to reply to.

Personally I would like to see you reply to Fred's letter but on the otherhand do you think a responce would be helpful to the overall situation of trying to get the area restored.

Fred is a clever fellow and I'm affatdiffdifferences within the committee get to hot this could provide too easy a means of dispoiving the GERS.

I have never become involved in such a matter as this before and hopefully never will afterward, and I have no doubt with your experience you can see more clearly what this may lead to.

I'm not being of much help but if you can think of a way please let me know.

Sincerely,

Albert Sandecki

Francis M. Greene  
Vail Road  
Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603

21 Feb 72

Dear Albert;

Thanks for the clipping of the Beck reply. I have never read a more profound lot of Bull shit. Really the horrible talk he indulges in is disgusting. I don't remember the Sea and Shore article but I would think that How and Hurd would offer a rebuttal to Beck after this outburst!

Doesn't Sea and Shore contest the posting? The original posting was for Castine Harbor and was attributed to pollution. Was any reason given when the <sup>posting</sup> ~~posting~~ <sup>about ten years ago</sup> big extension of the posting occurred about 3 years ago. It ran way out toward the head of the Cape.

In the recent article he keeps confining the discussion to some low 2-3 acres. Could the paper be persuaded to contact the Corps of Engineers for data on the core boring analysis?

The point that Callahan was instrumental in promoting Mining Reclamation is the most ridiculous

of all the assertions. It is true that Callahan did it's best to scuttle our bill along with the connivance of our friend Doyle who presented the mining industry bill drawn up by Reed as the State administration's bill.

I doubt that it would be worth the effort to go into print to rebut this article but we could sure make a strong case; especially if Dow and Hunt could be persuaded to join in the effort.

Thanks for the constant flow of information you keep coming to me and my apology for not writing you sooner. I have let my desk pile high for the past 3 weeks due to a job ~~as~~ I am doing on my personal records, files, safe deposit box and instructions in case I drop dead.

The last time I did this was in 1952 and everything has changed radically. It's getting more important because of my age and I decided to

really work things over and get up-to-date. I'm just about through and took off a day to catch up with overdue bills and correspondence.

You really do a grand job on this business and, if the pond and falls are ever properly restored and beautiful again, you deserve a monument there to record your work. The trouble is that the local yokels would probably smash it!

Good luck and please continue to keep me posted.

Yours  
Frank.

P.S. I think you are right that the town will probably take the property over and love the taxes on it in the process.

A.M.S.

## MAIL BUOY

### Callahan Mine Operator Says Article Unfair In Evaluation

To The Editor:

The October issue of "National Fisherman" carried a story about the mining operation conducted by Callahan Mining Corporation in Brooksville, Maine. The story contained considerable bias as well as errors, and I feel it was not at all in keeping with the usual tradition of objective reporting which, as a long time subscriber to "National Fisherman," I've come to expect.

Since I am challenging the accuracy of the article I will list the errors (or omissions) made by your reporter. I recognize that you have no control over the article by R.L. Dow and J.W. Hurst. I will comment on The Sea & Shore research paper in general terms, however, since it is important to recognize that despite the obvious intent of this research paper, Goose Cove is a biologically productive area which is closed to shellfishing due to bacterial pollution and not due to heavy metals as is implied.

Your reporter has implied that because of Callahan's operation, the hotels on Cape Rosier were closed, the population has dwindled, and the clam flats have been closed. The "hotels" closed long before Callahan came on the scene; there has been no change in population of Cape Rosier during the mining period; and the clam flats are closed because of bacterial pollution from the ship State of Maine, the polluted Penobscot River, and open sewer pipes which enter the sea from Cape Rosier and Castine coastal houses. Heavy metals have not been the culprit.

You mention that Callahan is not bound by the state's reclamation laws — without mentioning that the company was instrumental in passage of this important legislation and has voluntarily committed to work toward reclamation and rehabilitation, both scenic and economic. The company's commitment exceeds the present state regulations.

You have implied that Callahan does not feel a civic responsibility and that a lust for money has driven it into its aquaculture project. This could not be further from the truth. We feel a strong responsibility to the town and have looked into numerous alternative new businesses to replace ourselves. We hope that aquaculture will be the answer. It must be economically sound, however, if it is to contribute to the long term welfare of the town.

Numbers can be used to prove almost anything and the Dept. of Sea & Shore Fisheries' research is a good example. For example, nickel and chromium are used along with other metals to indicate the amount of heavy metal increase due to mining on Cape Rosier. However, there is no nickel or chromium in the mine ore. Therefore, the apparent buildup of these elements must be due to causes other than mining. Table 2 in your article shows a buildup of some 20 times the chromium content from December 1967 to February 1972. Copper, zinc, and lead have all increased only about 10 times during the same period. Therefore, by extrapolation and using chromium as a constant, there is only half as much copper, zinc, and lead in the clams now as existed prior to mining.

I am not suggesting that there have been no changes in the chemical makeup of Goose Cove.

It would be highly unlikely. I do feel, however, that an inordinate amount of emphasis has been placed on the chemical changes in an area which has never been used for commercial clam digging. The company has done a remarkable job of pollution control and is now pioneering in the field of aquaculture. The products of a mine are indispensable to the fishing industry. The mine on Cape Rosier produced 21,000,000 pounds of copper and 78,000,000 pounds of zinc during its short life. These products found their way into a variety of fishing gear. Essentially all of the proceeds from the sale of these products (over \$21 million) stayed in Maine, either as taxes, wages, salaries, or purchase of supplies.

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In their comments, Hurst and Dow refer to the toxic affects of copper bottom paint. Do you suppose they would suggest not using copper anti-fouling paint — or that we not use brass propellers or copper heat exchangers or copper fasteners or galvanized nails and shackles lest we pollute the ocean? All of these items give off heavy metal ions to the seawater.

Let's hope the Dept. of Sea & Shore Fisheries can apply its research efforts to helping Maine Fishermen and not get overzealous and over-extended in attacking other Maine industries.

I feel that Callahan should be used as an example of what is possible from a socially and environmentally responsible company. It's easy to throw stones. How about some constructive reporting? I honestly feel that you have done our company an injustice and would welcome the chance to meet with you at the former mine site and discuss the past operation and present reclamation and rehabilitation.

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### Callahan Mine Operator Says Article Unfair In Evaluation

To The Editor:

The October issue of "National Fisherman" carried a story about the mining operation conducted by Callahan Mining Corporation in Brooksville, Maine. The story contained considerable bias as well as errors, and I feel it was not at all in keeping with the usual tradition of objective reporting which, as a long time subscriber to "National Fisherman," I've come to expect.

Since I am challenging the accuracy of the article I will list the errors (or omissions) made by your reporter. I recognize that you have no control over the article by R.L. Dow and J.W. Hurst. I will comment on The Sea & Shore research paper in general terms, however, since it is important to recognize that despite the obvious intent of this research paper, Goose Cove is a biologically productive area which is closed to shellfishing due to bacterial pollution and not due to heavy metals as is implied.

Your reporter has implied that because of Callahan's operation, the hotels on Cape Rosier were closed, the population has dwindled, and the clam flats have been closed. The "hotels" closed long before Callahan came on the scene; there has been no change in population of Cape Rosier during the mining period; and the clam flats are closed because of bacterial pollution from the ship State of Maine, the polluted Penobscot River, and open sewer pipes which enter the sea from Cape Rosier and Castine coastal houses. Heavy metals have not been the culprit.

You mention that Callahan is not bound by the state's reclamation laws — without

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January 30th 1973

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Dear Fred:

Yes, the priorities as I see them are the dredging of Goose Cove and the posting or fencing of the tailings area. Granted, the others you have listed are of importance, but, consider the coming of the spring thaw... about three months.

The early revegetation of the spoil areas would also be desirable to provide as much of a growing season as possible for the cover of grasses and trees.

I could not detect where you place the dredging of the cove on your list of priorities, would you please tell me?

The question of priorities was a point that you started to develop at our last meeting and I was under the impression you wanted some support. It is important, for fair consideration of all projects to develop a complete list of these items, would you please do so for presentation to the GPRS?

I did not feel there was a resistance, (reluctance maybe) on the part of the GPRS on considering the acceptance of the Penobscot property as a gift. There is a feeling on my part and I think some others that a more substantive proposal should have accompanied your presentation. Charlie Snead indicated the complexity of a draft proposal made it difficult to submit at the time of the January 17th meeting and I think it was rather unfortunate that a representative from the legal staff of Callahan or Snead himself was not on hand. As well as you handled the presentation there were a few generalizations that left me with the feeling that specific and possibly some very important details of a legal nature were lacking.

In your letter of the 26th you mention presenting the property to the Town of Brooksville. My impression was that the Town would be pleased to have a right of access to the pond areas. If the Town were to accept the land what would you think the potential for future development would be in light of the comments made by the representative from the EIC and Sherm Greene on the new Zoning and subdivision ordinances scheduled for July 1st? What effect would this have on the availability of the \$ 16,000.00 reclamation fund for the GPRS?

I hope Mr. Snead or Mr. Nicely will follow through with the development of proposal in its fully developed form for the GPRS to study. The comment you made on the reason for Penobscot wanting to get rid of the property in the first place was, as I recall, "Because it represented too much of a headache for them to be involved with."

This does not bring about positive feelings on my part towards the proposal, but am willing to keep an open minded approach.

Concerning the process of obtaining the permit to dredge from the Corps of Engineers. I understand there are several necessary channels for the request to go through, but with a minimum of delay and careful follow through on the request might expedite the permit. Hopefully the project could be completed before the buildup of water in the pond areas from the spring thaw must be released into the bay.

Did you request the additional \$ 11,250.00 in dredging funds from Callahan ?

Sincerely,

Albert E. Sandecki

cc:

Hohn Gray

*Walt, S. L. ...*

January 23, 1973

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Mr. Frederick M. Beck  
Exploration Manager

Dear Fred:

The return home provided a chance for me to consider your firm's proposals made at the meeting on the 17th of the GPRS. Particularly your mention of the priorities with regard to the funds that Callahan may provide to the GPRS.

I wanted to let you and the other members of the committee know my feelings toward what I believe to be the logical order of priorities as I understand them.

It would seem to me to be fundamental and essential to do the dredging of Goose Cove first if the recommended area to dump the toxic <sup>WASTE</sup> is the tailings pile. Early placement of the silt would possibly permit the settling of the material by about the time the mill was completely removed and its foundations covered. No doubt there will be some heavy earth moving equipment there at that time and it would seem sensible to coordinate the grading of the tailings area.

Someone at the meeting also mentioned the possibility of the organic matter in the dredgings being beneficial to the revegetation of the tailings surface.

Mr. Mandt said the disturbance of the silt would not be desirable for the rearing of the oysters and salmon fry, on the otherhand the serious potential for disbursing the toxic metal ions and silt further into the bay exists with the ponds becoming swollen by the spring runoff. Its bad enough that the silt is there in the cove but to knowingly let it become disbursed further into the bay by the rush of the spring runoff through the dam would be criminal. As I said at the meeting with the gates open at low water on the afternoon of the 17th quite a bit of the silt was being cut out from the dam area for about 50 feet and the cove was quite turbid well out into the bay.

In any event I think the removal of the silt should be given first priority to not do so would make it much harder if not impossible to retrieve by dredging.

In reference to Mr. Mandt's observation on the oysters and salmon; could these not be placed in the protected areas of the pond temporarily while the dredging is carried out? If it were necessary to keep the oysters and salmon fry at the garages, could not the pump lines be diverted to take the water from the pond area?

I would like to request that you draft a list of the priorities as you and Callahan see them and send them to the officers of the GPRS as soon as possible for their consideration.

Perhaps a form of a mail in ballot requesting the officers to indicate what they think is the sequence of the priorities.

I do not think another meeting would be necessary to do this but if you feel one is necessary I think it would be proper to call one as soon as possible in enough time to avoid the consequences of the toxic silt being disbursed further into the bay.

Lastly, as I understand from the Corps of Engineers and pointed out at the meeting the tailings area does represent a danger to the unsuspecting person walking on the surface and the posting of the area would seem to me to be the least that could be done to prevent a tragedy.

Sincerely,



Albert E. Sandeck  
Vice Chairman GPRS

P.S.

Hope to receive the minutes of the January 17th meeting as soon as they are available.

cc:

John H. Gray  
Clifford Leach  
Bob Howard  
Robert Dow