

EC - 1005
CG

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN
STB DOCKET NO. AB-506 (Sub-No. 1X)

August 12, 2008

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

Notice of Exemption Petition for Exemption Regulated Abandonment

NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on 7/25/08 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended four environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, SEA recommends that the following condition previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

CONDITIONS

SEA recommends that the following environmental conditions be imposed on any decision granting abandonment authority:

- 1. The Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company shall consult with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Remediation and Redevelopment Division (Mr. Christopher Austin, 906-875-2072), prior to the onset of any salvage activities regarding potential environmental contamination within the right-of-way of the proposed abandonment project area.**
- 2. Prior to the onset of salvage activities, the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company shall consult with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Land and Water Management Division (Upper Management District Office, 906-346-8300) regarding the potential impact of the proposed abandonment activities on public trust fish and wildlife resources.**

- 3. Prior to the onset of salvage activities, the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company shall consult with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, (Crystal Falls Field Office, 906-875-2071) regarding any reasonable regulatory requirements within its purview under the Clean Water Act.**
- 4. The Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company shall consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, East Lansing Field Office (Tameka Dandridge, 517-351-8315), prior to the onset of salvage activities to determine any potential impacts that could occur to the Canada Lynx as a result of the proposed abandonment.**

If the above conditions are imposed, SEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

SEA CONTACT: [Catherine Glidden, (202) 245-0293]