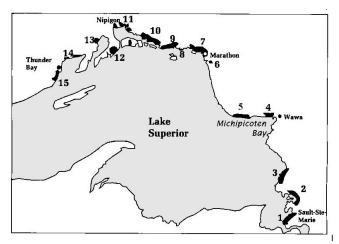
In 2002, a large Michigan-based highway construction company purchased a 385-hectare parcel on Lake Superior's picturesque north shore, at Michipicoten Bay, near Wawa, Ontario, with the intent of developing a large quarry. The Superior Aggregates Company (SAC) plans to blast, crush, and ship part of Lake Superior's spectacular coastline to Michigan to pave highways.

The proposed SAC quarry is at the centre of a 250 km sweep of largely undeveloped Lake



Map showing locations of 15 potential aggregate quarry sites on Lake Superior's north shore identified by the Ontario Government in 2001. From: <u>Open File Report 6072 - Physical evaluation and assessment of bedrock aggregate resource potential</u>, North of Lake Superior

Superior shoreline, from Marathon to Montreal River. Issues of concern for a guarry in this area include noise, dust, acid mine drainage, as well as potential impacts fish habitat, negative on groundwater, aesthetics, woodland caribou and eco-tourism.

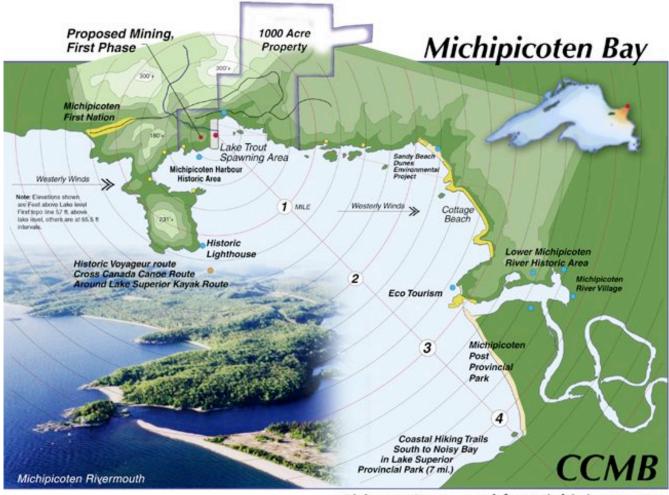
Citizens Concerned for Michipicoten Bay (CCMB) is a non-profit organization that was formed in response to the quarry proposal. CCMB wants to ensure that any possible quarry near Lake Superior should at least be far removed from the shoreline and, if developed at all, adhere to best management practices and the highest environmental standards.

SAC's first application in 2004 for a quarry licence was withdrawn in 2006. The company agreed that it had not accurately determined the elevation of the water table. SAC re-applied for a quarry licence in the fall of 2006. SAC is now reviewing comments on its application made by government agencies and the public.

SAC also applied to the Township of Michipicoten (Wawa) to amend the Township's Official Plan and re-zone the quarry area, which covers only a small portion of the company's entire holdings. The Township has approved the amendment to the Official Plan, which CCMB has appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

CCMB has proposed their own amendment to the Official Plan, which covers SAC's entire property. This proposed amendment was rejected by the Township. CCMB appealed the Township's decision to the OMB and expects the Minister of Natural Resources to refer SAC's quarry licence application to the OMB as well. The OMB is an independent tribunal responsible for resolving disputes in land use planning and quarry applications. It is expected that the OMB hearing may take place later in 2007 or early 2008.

CCMB has assembled an experienced and dedicated professional team (planner, lawyer, hydro-geologist, acoustical engineer) to present an effective case at the upcoming hearing. Ensuring the team's success requires adequate and reliable funding. More information about the quarry and how you can help is available at CCMB's website: www.ccmb.ca.



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