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This snakelike oarfish is so long that if you unfurled it out a second-story window, it would probably drag on the ground a little. BY JESS ZIMMERMAN

[Anonymous Park Rangers Speak Up](#)

by [Land of Enchantment](#)[Follow We have been recently treated to the Congressman who told a Park Ranger in DC that she should be ashamed of herself. \(Because of the government shutdown he and his party had worked so hard to bring down upon us all!\)](#)

She did not have the liberty to mouth off at his small-minded, mean-spirited willful ignorance. The [National Parks Conservation Association](#) has just released a video which shares the words of Park Rangers. Turns out their thoughts have much more to offer than that elected nitwit know-nothing Randy Neugebauer from Texas.

Text to describe the post, which just went up this afternoon. It only had 27 views when I discovered it - it deserves many more:

For nearly 100 years, national park rangers have dedicated their lives to protecting America's most precious places and the millions of people within their boundaries. But when Congress closed the national parks, angry visitors criticized the Park Service for keeping people out. As federal employees, park rangers can't share their personal views publicly. So we offered anonymity in return for their testimonies. This is what they wrote. Transcript below the squiggle.

Automatically generated: Incomplete and imperfect. Better to run the video and listen. The NPCA has some lovely awesome pictures to go along with, too.

UPDATE: h/t to [lisapaloma](#), who's provided a clean transcript of the rangers' words:

This is our home -- it's where we've raised our family and like other national parks we've worked in it's a place we've worked hard to help people understand, enjoy, and feel some ownership of. So it's very hard to make efforts to keep people out when our whole lives we've worked hard to get people in.

Canyonlands is deathly quiet. I took a hike on a popular trail and saw only coyote prints. Wildlife is the ruling life form here for the first time in ages.

Yosemite valley is quiet except for the wind. The white noise of visitors has been ratcheted down to whisper. I feel sad that this beauty can't work its sorcery on those who don't call Yosemite home.

I feel the pain of visitors who planned for years to make this trip. Finding your parks barricaded is an in-your-face image that's difficult to erase.

Visitors have removed park closure signs, damaged deadbolts beyond repair and driven around locked gates, crushing native vegetation and fragile desert soils.

But imagining damage to precious and irreplaceable resources breaks my heart.

I am a Ranger.

I'm a maintenance crew leader.

I am a park historian.

I am a sworn federal law enforcement officer.

I am a park ranger.

On any given day I might have to respond to a heart attack victim, put out a burning motorhome, search for a lost hiker in the backcountry, arrest drunk drivers, fight a wild land fire, or put down an injured animal.

We're here to help you forge connections with these stunning places.

We do it because we believe in something, something higher than ourselves.

Today however I derive no satisfaction from my job.

Rather than sharing in discovery and wonder, I am burdened with the onerous task of barring visitors from their National Park. This is not what I signed up for.

Even before the government shutdown, the parks were chronically underfunded and understaffed. What are we teaching our children when these sacred places can be considered collateral damage?

I long for people to discover their role as stewards of this wilderness. That and only that will carry over into the next generation.

Jennifer Tsun <kittoh@storm.ca>

RCMP confrontation in Mikmaq territory - Please forward widely

In a clear case of overkill, the RCMP (?) have converged on the peaceful anti fracking protest in Mikmaq territory with the intent to enforce an injunction against the protesters. Snipers, dogs and escalating conflict unfolding. Media on hand.

This should come as no surprise. The corporate elitists are scrambling to survive as more and more people become aware and fed up. Everywhere you turn, people are fed up, young and old, man, woman, child, working stiffs and unemployed, people are fed up with the crap.

What are YOU going to do about it. Kittoh

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Use your analytical skills, your great human mind, to read these articles.

To know the facts is first step to problem solving.

Since this story was all over FB and some news this weekend, I am not including a lot of coverage.....following demonstrates how important it is to dig another step deeper than just what meets the eye. sdc

<http://halifax.mediacoop.ca/story/advisers-chief-sock-anti-shale-gas-negotiations-ar/19321>

Advisers to Chief Sock in Anti-shale gas negotiations are provincial government employees.

John Deveau - adviser - well-positioned to profit from talks, Indigenous unrest, resource development

by Miles Howe

Rexton, New Brunswick [A] An October 9th, 2013 story by Jorge Barrera, featured by APTN, brought into serious question the firm public commitment of Elsipogtog Chief Aarren Sock and his negotiating team towards ending shale gas exploration in the province of New Brunswick.

Despite still not knowing who actually penned the notes, the notes themselves suggest that Sock and his negotiating team did not seriously consider the possibility that the ongoing encampment which continues to block numerous pieces of seismic testing equipment belonging to SWN Resources Canada might actually be capable of

spearheading any type of campaign to halt shale gas exploration by the Texas-based gas company.

Barrera's article, which goes on to interview two unnamed advisers who the reporter confronted with the notes, was met with a flurry of indignation by a few individuals close to the negotiating process.

Within the encampment, delegates from Elsipogtog First Nation relayed the message that they had not only banned Barrera from the site, but had also gone so far as to ban the Aboriginal People's Television Network entirely from the encampment. This so-called ban appears to have been overturned, as APTN is now back on site.

Barrera, for his part, is sticking with the story.

☐I stand by my story and everything that's reported in it,☐ says Barrera. ☐It's based on notes that were taken during the meeting and with conversations [with the advisers] afterwards.☐

While Barrera and APTN determined that they would not name the advisers interviewed after the negotiations, the Halifax Media Co-op has learned that the two advisers were Tobique First Nations band member John Deveau and Listuguj First Nations band member Wendell Metallic.

The HMC has also learned that Deveau, under the company name Wolf Industries, has been contracted by the province of New Brunswick in his advisory role at the meetings. It is assumed that Deveau, through his company, has subcontracted an advisory position to Metallic.

Deveau has himself confirmed his provincial pay check, although when interviewed he could not remember which provincial department was actually employing him in this advisory capacity.

What this means, in effect, is that the two advisers working alongside Elsipogtog Chief Sock are actually New Brunswick provincial employees. The province, for its part, has wholeheartedly embraced shale gas exploration, having handed over leases totalling over 1.4 million hectares.

So while Deveau has told the Halifax Media Co-op that: ☐I want to see this all end peacefully,☐ in reference to the ongoing blockade of SWN's equipment, it also appears that his financial allegiances lie with the pro-shale gas provincial government.

With Deveau having a hotline to Chief Sock's ear in high level negotiations, this makes for a potentially one-sided negotiation session with the province.

Deveau, with a United State military and police background, is himself no stranger to the pursestrings of Elsipogtog First Nation, and is currently on band payroll as a 'Wabanaki Peacekeeper'.

On June 27th, during the summer campaign against shale gas, Elsipogtog First Nation established the 'Elsipogtog Peacekeepers'. In a situation where dozens had already been arrested, some members of the community publicly welcomed the force as a means to intermediate between the RCMP and protestors.

The total neutrality of the Peacekeepers began to be brought into doubt when Deveau confirmed that during the summer months the group engaged in almost nightly conversations with the RCMP and representatives of SWN Resources Canada.

Deveau, with this particular brand of 'negotiating' skills, appears to have his sights fixed on the potential of personal profit from future resource-based conflicts between Indigenous peoples, in particular, and industry.

A recent proposal to Elsipogtog First Nation, which unconfirmed sources verify has been passed, reads:

☐ Predictably, resource based conflicts will continue into the future, as provinces continue with exploration and development activities without the "social license" of First Nations and surrounding communities.

The need for a neutral, well-organized, trained peacekeeping team that is focused on public safety and injury prevention is clear. Within the Public Safety Protocol under section 1, paragraph 6 it indicates the responsibility to establish a ☐ Joint AFN/RCMP crisis response team.

To that end, I am requesting funding to operationally fund a peacekeeping team. The success of the project depends on the neutrality of the team, therefore no funding source will have a direct role in the team's work that will impact the team's neutrality. ☐

Public safety, of course, is of extreme importance. However, to portend neutrality on the one hand when requesting funds for a ☐ peacekeeping team ☐, while drawing a provincial paycheck as a high-level advisor to a First Nations chief from a decidedly pro-shale gas government at the same time, suggests anything but.

In any case, it appears that Deveau, as director of operations of the Wabanaki Peacekeepers, currently draws a \$60,000 salary from Elsipogtog First Nation. The financial breakdown of Deveau's request is as follows:

4 full time positions will include: Director of operations \$60,000.00
Field Operations Manager \$52,000.00 Security Manager \$46,800.00
Administrative Assistant \$36,000.00 6 part time positions will include:
Public Affairs Officer \$600.00 / week Field Operators (5) \$500.00 / week

Additional Resources will be needed for the team's success to include:

- (3) SUV or Full size 4 door trucks with off road capability (1)
Base Radio
- (8) Portable radios
- (3) Vehicle mounted mobile radios (1 per vehicle)
- (3) Cellular boosting packs for vehicle mounting (1 per vehicle) (3)
First Aid equipment to include AED (1 per vehicle)
- (40) Shirts indicating peacekeeper team members 2 short sleeved & 2 long sleeved per member
- (4) Cellular phones with e-mail capabilities
- (3) Cellular phones only call/text capabilities
- (10) Reflective multi-season coats one per team member
- (6) Fire Fighting water packs as well as fire extinguisher for each vehicle
- (6) Panasonic Tough book style laptop computers
- (3) CAA Membership (1 per vehicle)
- (10) Surefire flashlights (rechargeable)
- (3) Vehicle booster packs (1 per vehicle)
- (3) Portable water coolers (1 per vehicle)
- (3) Fuel Cards (1 per vehicle)

Further financial incentives for Deveau and Wolf Industries delve into the realm of conjecture at this point, but merit at least a paragraph of thought.

Wolf Industries is listed as a company specializing in: Site preparation contractor, other heavy civil and engineering construction and landscaping services.

Knowing this, there is always the potential that Deveau and Wolf Industries will indeed be triple-dipping on resource development - and Indigenous unrest - for years to come:

Firstly as a provincially-paid adviser for a pro-resource extraction government.

Secondly as the director of operations of a Elsipogtog Band-paid

'peacekeeping' force that can liaise between industry, the band and RCMP, all the while keeping close tabs on Indigenous activists.

Thirdly, as an industrial contractor with a track record of doing government bidding on a variety of pre-resource development missions.

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<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/fontaine-says-negotiating-with-first-nations-makes-sense-1.2074368>

**Fontaine says negotiating with First Nations 'makes sense'**

Newest member of NB Power's board, Phil Fontaine, wants openness in resource development talks

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Phil Fontaine named to NB Power board  
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Phil Fontaine not re-elected as AFN grand chief

Phil Fontaine, a well known Manitoba First Nations Leader who was appointed to NB Power's board of directors this month, says he sees his new role as an opportunity to focus on economic development for First Nations when it comes to natural resources.

He said he was chosen for the job, in large part, because of his experience as a former Grand Chief of the Assembly of First Nations as well as his strong interest in resource development.

Fontaine said the work of NB Power will impact First Nations and so their interests must be considered.

'There's a realization that it makes far better business sense to engage more willingly and more openly with First Nations communities and so the challenge, quite often, is really how to do it effectively and in a business-like way.'- Phil Fontaine

"The possibility of creating real opportunities and true realization of the enormous potential so that First Nations could, in fact, turn the corner with respect to the difficult circumstances that too many First Nation communities face," he said.

Fontaine doesn't see himself playing the role of liaison between NB Power and First Nations. However, he does hope to bring more transparency to resource development projects.

"There's a realization that it makes far better business sense to engage more willingly and more openly with First Nations communities and so the challenge, quite often, is really how to do it effectively and in a business-like way." said Fontaine.

"So I hope I'll be able to lend my experience in ensuring that we can proceed effectively, efficiently, and of course positively for all New Brunswick people."

Fontaine said he was approached to take on his new role with New Brunswick's utility "some time ago" by former Liberal cabinet minister Andy Scott, who died in June at the age of 58.

He said Scott was good friends with the chair of NB Power's board of directors Ed Barrett and asked if he would be interested.

"We are fortunate to have Fontaine joining the board," Barrett said in a statement when he announced the appointment.

"His proven expertise in bringing people together and opening the lines of communication, coupled with his extraordinary ability to speak from the heart and teach others how to achieve results, is an asset to our company."

Fontaine won't comment on Rexton blockade

The ongoing blockade of Route 134 continues as shale gas protesters, including members of the Elsipogtog First Nation, stop SWN Resources Canada from moving its equipment to explore for natural gas.

Fontaine said he won't comment on that situation, but he does believe the friction proves his belief that First Nations people must be included in negotiations around resource development.

"It's far better if you have the full engagement and participation and support of the First Nations communities and this is true in New Brunswick."

He said, in many cases, engaging with First Nations on resource development is a new challenge.

"It's incumbent upon all of the various interests to work together to figure out how best to proceed," he said. "And so what will occur from time to time, and this is really from past experiences, is an unwillingness to trust that development is really in the best interest of all," said Fontaine.

"We really have to figure out how to do this right."



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**The Mysterious Didanum People**

One of the races mentioned in sacred texts, especially Bible texts are the Didanum People (or Ditanu or Tidanu), the precursors of the Nephilim and Rephaim going back to 3,000 BC.

- See more at: <http://www.ancient-origins.net/myths-legends-asia/mysterious-didanum-people-00890#sthash.0LgEJgGH.dpuf>

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**Tribes Vetting 22,000 Antennae Halt \$13 Billion Rail Plan**

Bloomberg By Angela Greiling Keane & Todd Shields - Oct 21, 2013 12:00 AM ET

Two years probably wasn't going to be enough time for railroads to install crash-avoidance technology on 23,000 locomotives and 60,000 miles of tracks, in the biggest rail-safety project in U.S. history.

Then they encountered the Choctaw Nation, Muscogee and Navajo.

In May, the railroads and their regulators learned 565 American Indian tribes had the right to review, one by one, whether 22,000 antennae required for the system to work might be built on sacred ground. That's as many wireless tower applications as the U.S. Federal Communications Commission approves in two years.

"I'm just speechless," said Grady Cothen, who retired in 2010 from the Federal Railroad Administration as the deputy associate administrator for safety standards. "I didn't expect this issue to arise."

The resulting backup may give railroads including Warren Buffett's Burlington Northern Santa Fe another reason to miss the December 2015 deadline to finish a \$13.2 billion project covering one-third of the U.S. rail network.

Railroads had asked Congress for a three-year extension to install the wireless system known as positive train control, citing the cost and time to develop, buy and manufacture software and hardware. Now they say they've fallen further behind, after spending \$3 billion.

Click here for full story:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-10-21/tribes-vetting-22-000-antennae-halt-13-billion-rail-plan.html>

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We will be having the **10th annual Student World Water Forum (SWWF)** at

the University of Nevada Reno on November 21-22, 2013 in the Great Room of the Joe Crowley Student Union. The SWWF is a student-organized event that will feature oral presentations from UNR students on water-related issues. In addition to the student presentations, the Forum will feature a keynote presentation by Dr. Emma Norman of Michigan Technological University entitled "Governing Water Across Borders: How Problems Can Lead To Innovative Solutions" on Friday, November 22 at 4 pm in the Redfield Auditorium of the Davidson Math and Science Center at UNR.

Please send the conference website (<http://www.cabnr.unr.edu/swwf> <<http://www.cabnr.unr.edu/swwf>> ) to any interested parties who might be interested in participating in this event.

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Oil company Enbridge sought approval at a public meeting for a tar sands pipeline across Canada. What they didn't expect was an entire room of First Nations protesters dancing and chanting until Canada's Energy Board ran for the exits.

Full story here: <http://bit.ly/1dblQcq> — with [Roger Denedragon](#).



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