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Dear Mr. Hicks

Subject:

DFO Review - ARKeX North Flemish Pass Gravity Gradient Survey

2013-2017 Draft Scoping Document

As requested, DFO has completed a review of the document entitled "ARKeX North Flemish Pass Gravity Gradient Survey 2013-2017 Draft Scoping Document" dated February 15, 2013.

DFO does possess expertise in fish, fish habitat and fisheries that would be relevant to the review of the environmental assessment report. Thank you for providing DFO the opportunity to comment on this document. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the above, please contact Sara Lewis by phone at (709) 772-4140 or by e-mail (sara.lewis@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

Regards,

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