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Darren Hicks
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140 Water St., 4th Floor
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Dear Mr. Hicks:

Re: *Review of Project Description and Draft Scoping Document BP Canada Energy Group ULC Ephesus Prospect ROV Survey Program 2019*

I am writing further to your January 18, 2019 email and correspondence requesting review of the project description and draft scoping document for the above noted ROV Survey program proposed for Exploration License (ELs) 1145, 1146, and/or 1148 within the Orphan Basin area of the NL Offshore area.

Please be advised that Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is in possession of expert knowledge and advice related to fish, fish habitat, marine mammals, species at risk, sensitive marine areas, and fisheries that may inform the project environmental assessment.

Future correspondence in relation to the environmental assessment for this proposed survey can be addressed to Bret Pilgrim (bret.pilgrim@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.)

Yours sincerely,

Original Signed by

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