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Subject: EC Response 2014-089: Bridgeporth Holdings Ltd. and JEBCO Seismic Company North Flemish Pass Gravity Survey, 2015 to 2019 EA Report

Darren:

As requested in your memorandum of 2 February 2014, Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the report (Environmental Assessment North Flemish Pass Gravity Survey 2015 - 2019 (Keel HSE Management Inc., January 2015)). EC's previous comments on the scoping document and project description (submitted to you on 28 November 2014) are still applicable to the report. In addition, the Canadian Wildlife Service of Environment Canada (EC-CWS) offers the following comments:

EC-01 Section 5.8.1.4 Migrating Shorebirds and Passerines

Quote: "Night migrations in the Survey Area will not be affected, as the aircraft will operate solely during daylight hours. The aircraft is likely to fly between the airport and the Survey Area before sunrise to commence low-level flights at first light."

It is stated both that the aircraft will operate solely during daylight hours, and that the aircraft will fly to the Survey Area before sunrise. It should be clarified as to whether or not the proponent intends to fly during periods of darkness.

EC-02 Section 5.8.4 Species at Risk

Quote: "Species are listed under SARA on Schedules 1 to 3 with only those designated as endangered or threatened on Schedule 1 having immediate legal implications."

Species of Special Concern have legal implications. It is likely that the proponent is referring to the General Prohibitions (sections 32 - 36) of the Species at Risk Act, which apply only to species listed under the Species at Risk Act (Schedule 1) as Endangered, Threatened, or Extirpated.

EC-03 Section 5.8.4 Species at Risk

The recovery strategy for Ivory Gull should be cited as: Environment Canada. 2014. Recovery Strategy for the Ivory Gull (*Pagophila eburnea*) in Canada. Species at Risk Act Recovery Strategy Series. Environment Canada, Ottawa. iv+ 21 pp.

This recovery strategy can be obtained at <http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca> .

EC-04 Section 5.8.4 Species at Risk

Stenhouse 2004, though a valuable reference, has been superseded by the Ivory Gull Recovery Strategy (2014). See EC-03.

EC-05 Section 5.8.4.3 Marine and Migratory Birds

Quote: "The Migratory Birds Convention Act (1994) and Migratory Bird Regulations (COSEWIC 2006)."

Change to "the Migratory Birds Convention Act (1994) and the Migratory Birds Regulations". The Migratory Birds Regulations are enabled by the Migratory Birds Convention Act, and are not related to COSEWIC.

EC-06 Section 5.8.4 Species at Risk

Quote: "Ivory Gull is designated as endangered by both SARA and COSEWIC,"

It should be noted that COSEWIC assesses species, SARA designates (or lists) species.

EC-07 Section 5.8.5 Sensitive Areas

Quote: "There are no Migratory Bird Sanctuaries located offshore Newfoundland."

Reword to "located in close proximity to the project area". There is a migratory bird sanctuary on Shepherd Island (see <http://www.ec.gc.ca/ap-pa/default.asp?lang=En&n=C47EEE0D-1>) in an area unlikely to be affected by the project.

EC-08 Section 6.1.3 Significance Criteria

It should be noted that the death or life-threatening injury of individuals or small groups will still violate the Migratory Birds Convention Act and its Regulations.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding our comments.

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Subject: RE: Bridgeporth Holdings Ltd. and JEBCO Seismic Company North Flemish Pass Gravity Survey, 2015 to 2019

Hello all: this is an email notification that an EA Report for the above mentioned program was couriered to you today. The C-NLOPB requests that comments be submitted by close of business March 16, 2015.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself.

Cheers
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