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Dear Mr. Grindal:

**Re: ConocoPhillips Canada Laurentian Subbasin Seismic Program, 2010-2013
Environmental Assessment
CPC Response to EA Review Comments**

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) received on March 26, 2010, the ConocoPhillips Canada (CPC) response to review comments on the “*Environmental Assessment of ConocoPhillips Canada Laurentian Subbasin Seismic Program, 2010-2013*” (December 11, 2009) environmental assessment (EA) report. The C-NLOPB, in consultation with the Board’s fishery and environmental review agencies, reviewed CPC’s response.

CPC’s response to the EA report review comments does not satisfy all of the information requirements. As mentioned in comment S-24, DFO Maritimes Region recognizes that several of the exploration licenses related to this project fall partially within the DFO Maritimes Regional boundary and as such may have implications on fisheries within this region. Based on Appendix A of the environmental assessment, it appears there has been a lack of consultation with fishing industry stakeholders in the Maritimes Region, specifically the groundfish and pelagic long line fisheries. DFO Maritimes Region provided CPC with a number of fishing industry contacts in the region and would like to reiterate its original recommendation that consultation should be undertaken prior to initiation of the project activities. This issue must be addressed in order to satisfy the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEA Act) and to complete the Screening Report.

If you wish to discuss these comments, please contact Darren Hicks at (709) 778-1431 or dhicks@cnlopb.nl.ca.

Yours truly,

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