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## FISH, FOOD AND ALLIED WORKERS

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Dear Darren,

Thank you for providing the Corridor Resources Inc. Old Harry Prospect Geohazard Survey Program 2010-2020 Environmental Assessment document for review. I'd like to comment on a few aspects of the study that are representative of issues and concerns from the fishing industry, namely the members of the Fish, Food and Allied Workers' Union (FFAW/CAW).

The proposed project is tentatively scheduled to take place in the fall of 2010. As noted in the document there may be a few fish harvesters fishing redfish in the area at this time. As there is no temporary exclusion area from fishing in the area that Corridor Resources proposes to conduct their survey the deployment of an environmental liaison onboard the survey vessel, as noted in the document, is a good mitigative measure to effectively reduce any potential conflicts with fishing vessels/gear during the survey program. The FFAW has trained fisheries liaison officers (FLOs) that can serve as a communication "platform" for the fishing industry during the geohazard program in 2010 and beyond. Some of these individuals also have marine mammal and seabird observation training as well.

It is also important to note that FFAW harvesters, in conjunction with DFO, conduct a post-season crab survey in the fall of the year. While there are no survey positions in the vicinity of the project area there will be additional fishing vessel traffic closer to the shore in 4Rd.

Concerns regarding seismic impacts on fish and shellfish species are regularly expressed by fish harvesters in Newfoundland and Labrador. The timing of the proposed 2010 survey during a known redfish mating season may have effects on the population in the future. Redfish has not been a main species fished for several years in the area due primarily to market conditions. Some harvesters do target the species and Ocean Choice International is currently fishing for redfish off the south coast of Newfoundland. Redfish, therefore, is still a species of commercial importance to the fishery.

As the survey program planning proceeds through the necessary regulatory steps in the coming months the FFAW/CAW looks forward to ongoing communications with Corridor Resources as things develop. In subsequent years continued communication with the fishing industry, through the Petroleum industry Liaison position, will also be important to ensure fishing trends have not deviated from those captured in the current environmental assessment.

I thank you for providing an opportunity for the FFAW/CAW to comment on the Old Harry Prospect Geohazard Survey Environmental Assessment document. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robyn Saunders". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robyn Saunders  
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