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Canada Newfoundland Petroleum Board

The present communication on behalf of the Regroupement des Pecheurs Professionnels des Iles is a response to the environmental assessment conducted for Corridor Resources', Field Geohazard Survey Program. The RPPIM, is of the opinion that the EA deposited with the Canada Newfoundland Petroleum Board on May 21, 2010, fails to consult with all stakeholders. The RPPIM underlines the inconsistency which would see Newfoundland fishermen consulted through One Ocean and the FFAW while there was no similar attempt to contact Magdalene Island fishermen. The RPPIM further deplors the fact they have not been consulted despite the fact that the Old Harry project area is closer to the Magdalene Islands and located within their groundfish fishing grounds. It is further noted that a significant amount of literature corroborates the assumption that seismic blasts cause disturbances in migration patterns and would directly impact RPPIM fishermen. The RPPIM feels that their redfish, turbot, halibut, and witch flounder fisheries would be directly and negatively affected by a seismic program in the Laurentian Channel.

As the RPPIM also represents snow crab fishers for the zone 12F adjacent to the Old Harry deposit, it seconds its objection to seismic blasts in the project area. Given that the EA for Geohazard Survey acknowledges that the project will affect 22.5 km radius and an additional 3km buffer zone, it is contended that these undertaking are too close to crab zone 12F. The RPPIM feels that given the lack of information on long term effects of seismic testing on snow crab resources it would not be "precautionary" to proceed with a seismic program so close to the productive 12F crab zone. Members of the RPPIM fear that the same toxic stresses, physiological and neurological disturbances observed in lobster as a result of seismic program would also be introduced to crab stocks. As with lobsters the disruptions may negatively impact crab resources by disrupting feeding and egg laying which could potentially have lasting negative effects on crab stocks.

Finally, the Regroupement des Pecheurs Professionnels des Iles contests the EA's conclusion that there will no serious and adverse environmental effects as a result of the Geohazard Program at Old Harry.

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