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Canada Newfoundland Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board
Mr. Scott Tessier
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by email: STessier@cnlopb.ca

Re: EMGS, Inc., Western Newfoundland Controlled Source Electromagnetic (CSEM) Survey, 2017 Gulf of St. Lawrence

Dear Mr. Tessier,

Given that the C-NLOPB has seen to it that the EMGS Inc. project draft Scoping Document is only open for comments during a 2-week period, from November 10, 2016, until November 25, SOSS has not had the time or opportunity to draft a proper response to the EMGS scoping document or to the legitimacy and necessity of this proposed survey.

However, as you know, endangered species migrate through the Laurentian Channel: the endangered blue whale is one example. We wish to remind you that the C-NLOPB recklessly authorized seismic in 2010 in the Laurentian Channel while endangered blue whale were migrating through, after being warned against doing so by whale researchers, violating domestic and international marine laws.

Harlequin duck are endangered. Right whale. The endangered Leatherback Turtle has been on this earth for one hundred million years. They were here on earth with dinosaurs.

Given the endangered species that live and migrate through the Gulf of St Lawrence every year, it is our coalition's position that the survival of these rare species takes precedence over EMGS surveys and seismic surveys.

Offshore oil and gas development should not happen in the Gulf of St Lawrence. It is one of the most sensitive and precious ecosystems on this earth.

Save Our Seas and Shores considers this proposed EMGS survey a violation of the precautionary approach in Canadian and international marine laws. We vehemently oppose it.

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