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Dear Mr. Hicks:

Re: Electromagnetic Geoservices Canada Inc. – Controlled Source Electromagnetic Survey in the Orphan Basin and South Bank

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has completed a review of the project description and draft scoping document for the above referenced electromagnetic survey. Please note that Fisheries and Oceans Canada is in possession of expert knowledge and advice pertaining to the following Sections of the C-NLOPB Draft Scoping Document:

- 5.2.4 Marine Fish and Shellfish
- 5.2.5 Marine Mammals
- 5.2.6 Sea Turtles
- 5.2.7 Species at Risk (SAR)
- 5.2.8 "Sensitive" Areas

Additionally, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) offers the following comment with respect to the C-NLOPB Draft Scoping Document for your consideration.

- A detailed description of the project and components should be included within the EA Report, and include the number of receiver anchors to be placed on the seafloor at each Project/Study Area, a diagram of the anchor grid pattern, and mitigations to avoid impacts to corals/sponges, specifically within the Northeast Newfoundland Slope.

Future correspondence on this environmental assessment can be addressed directly to me at (709) 691-7293 or bret.pilgrim@dfo-mpo.gc.ca .

Sincerely,

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