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Re: Electromagnetic Geoservices Canada Inc. Non-Exclusive Controlled Source Electromagnetic Project, 2014-2018 Environmental Assessment

Dear Darren,



Thank you for providing the Fish, Food and Allied Workers (FFAW|UNIFOR) with the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Assessment for Electromagnetic Geoservices Canada Inc. Non-Exclusive Controlled Source Electromagnetic Project, 2014-2018.

Overall the report provides perspective of the commercial fishery of our inshore fleet. However, as half of the overall study area and the majority of the 2014 proposal survey block is outside of Canadian jurisdiction, harvesting data from NAFO would more accurately portray commercial fishing (harvesting) locations outside of the 200 mile limit, particularly for shrimp, turbot, redfish and cod.

We were engaged in a consultation with EMGS in January 2014 regarding their project however we have heard nothing from them since that time. Pre-planning is important to minimize potential conflicts and any negative impacts on fishing activity, particularly as it appears that activity in the offshore in 2014 will be quite busy.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this environmental assessment. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you require further information.

Sincerely,



Industry Liaison
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