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

Hi Darren,

The FFAW-Unifor has gone through the responses provided by Electromagnetic Geoservices Canada Inc., to the comments provided to the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Non-Exclusive Controlled Source Electromagnetic Project.

As the proponent suggests that the NAFO data cannot be mapped due to not being geo-referenced, they need to be mindful that there will likely be harvesting activity outside the 200 nautical mile limit. This will include both large Canadian and foreign vessels.

In the context of the comment on lack of communication, it is now June and there has not been any further communication from the proponent directly other than the meeting in January. The problem with the shortage of communication is that it leaves stakeholders wondering if proposed projects are still progressing. Further, communication and pre-planning is the manner to minimize potential conflicts and any negative impacts between industries and projects.

The FFAW-Unifor continues to be available for consultations between the proponent and fishing industry.

Yours truly,

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