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Darren Hicks
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140 Water St., 4th Floor
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Dear Mr. Hicks:

**Re: Review of Project Description and Draft Scoping Document Fugro Surveys
Offshore Seafloor and Seep Sampling Program 2017-2027**

I am writing further to your May 1, 2017 email requesting review of the project description and draft scoping document for the above noted seafloor and oil seep sampling program proposed for areas in the eastern NL Offshore during the timeframe 2017 to 2027.

Please be advised that Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is in possession of expert knowledge and advice related to fish, fish habitat, marine mammals, species at risk, sensitive marine areas, and fisheries that may inform the project environmental assessment.

Future correspondence in relation to the environmental assessment for this proposed survey can be addressed to me [REDACTED] If you have any questions in this regard please do not hesitate to contact me [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

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