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Subject: ECCC Response: Fugro EA Report

Elizabeth,

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has reviewed the above-mentioned report and offers the following comments.

ECCC-01:

Quote (page 8, paragraph 3)

- SIMOPS will be conducted with operators of other exploration activities (e.g., seismic survey proposed for the Orphan Basin in 2017) The proponent should define SIMOPS.

ECCC-02:

Table 2.2 Commitment / Mitigation Measures

It is stated that bird observations will be made in transit, and that the observer will complete daily and weekly observation reports. The Canadian Wildlife Service of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC-CWS) recommends that it be clearly stated that the Eastern Canada Seabird at Sea (ECSAS) protocol be used for observing and reporting seabirds on the vessel. ECCC-CWS can provide an updated blank database for ease of data entry. It is important that seabird observations are made according to the standardized protocol so that results from these surveys are comparable to other surveys and contribute to our broader knowledge of seabird abundance and distribution in Eastern Canada.

The ECSAS program can be cited as follow: Gjerdrum, C., D.A. Fifield, and S.I. Wilhelm. 2011. Eastern Canada Seabirds at Sea (ECSAS) standardized protocol for pelagic seabird surveys from moving and stationary platforms. Canadian Wildlife Service Technical Report Series No. 515. Atlantic Region. vi + 36 pp.

Please note that our comments on the Scoping Document and Project Description are still applicable.

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From: Young, Elizabeth [mailto:EYoung@cnlopb.ca]
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Good Afternoon,
Will ECCC be providing comments on the Offshore Seafloor and Seep Sampling Program (2017-2027) Environmental Assessment Report (Stantec June 15, 2017) that was forwarded to you on July 5, 2017?

Regards
Elizabeth

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