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Dear Mr. Hicks

**Subject: DFO Review – GXT 2013 – 2015 LabradorSPAN Marine 2D Seismic,
Gravity and Magnetic Survey and Review Timelines**

As requested, DFO has completed a review of the document entitled “GX Technology Canada Ltd. 2D Seismic, Gravity and Magnetic Survey (2013-2015) Newfoundland Offshore Area Draft Scoping Document” dated January 30, 2013.

DFO does possess expertise in fish, fish habitat and fisheries that would be relevant to the review of the environmental assessment report. However, DFO requests that the Timing of Assessment be extended by one week to allow for a thorough review of the draft EA given that the Labrador Shelf is an emerging area within the Newfoundland and Labrador region.

Thank you for providing DFO the opportunity to comment on this document. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the above, please contact Sara Lewis by phone at (709) 772-4140 or by e-mail (sara.lewis@df-mpo.gc.ca).

Regards,



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