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Dear Ms. Young:

Re: Hebron Comprehensive Study Report: EMCP Responses to DFO Comments on Section 7.5

In response to your request dated August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has reviewed the "*Hebron Comprehensive Study Report: EMCP Responses to DFO Comments on Section 7.5*".

Please be advised that DFO has concluded that all the responses provided by the proponent are considered adequate, provided the comments below are taken into consideration.

**Comment 75: DFO 13**

Section 7.5.1.1

- a) This response is considered adequate.
- b) This response is considered adequate provided the following comment is addressed:

If the ferry pier remains in the same footprint as the existing infrastructure, it does not need to be discussed in Section 7.5.1.1 as it will not affect habitat quantity. Table 7-11 should be updated as well. Also, if an increase in footprint is not anticipated, reference should be made in Section 7.5.1.2 to adherence to DFO's Marine Wharf Repair/Reconstruction Operational Statement. This Operational Statement can be found at: <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/habitat/what-quoi/os-eo/nl/pdf/mwharf-eng.pdf>.

- c) This response is considered adequate.

- d) This response is considered adequate.
- e) This response is considered adequate.
- f) This response is considered adequate.
- g) This response is considered adequate provided the following comment is addressed:

The clarification provided in the response regarding what is meant by “re-establishment of moorings at the Bull Arm deepwater site” should be included in the CSR.

#### Section 7.5.1.2

This response is considered adequate.

#### Section 7.5.1.3

- a) This response is considered adequate.
- b) This response is considered adequate.
- c) This response is considered adequate.

#### Section 7.5.1.4

- a) This response is considered adequate.
- b) This response is considered adequate provided the following comment is addressed:

The text provided by EMCP in their response leads the reader to believe that DFO is concerned about appropriate sizing of fish screens because of maintenance of adequate water flow, when in fact DFO is concerned with preventing the entrainment and/or impingement of fish. Please reword this text.

- c) This response is considered adequate.

#### Table 7-11

- a) This response is considered adequate.
- b) This response is considered adequate.
- c) This response is considered adequate.

### Section 7.5.2.2

This response is considered adequate.

### Section 7.5.2.3

- a) This response is considered adequate.
- b) This response is considered adequate provided the following comment is addressed:

The proponent's response indicates that the text in Section 7.5.2.3 will be revised to include a reference to the *Statement of Canadian Practice on Mitigation of Seismic Noise in the Marine Environment*, however as previously requested, Table 7-12 should also include a reference to this document as mitigation when conducting surveys.

### Table 7-12

- a) This response is considered adequate.
- b) This response is considered adequate.

### Section 7.5.3.3

- a) This response is considered adequate.
- b) This response is considered adequate provided the following comment is addressed:

If geophysical, seismic, geohazard, geological and geotechnical surveys are not proposed for decommissioning and abandonment, they should be removed from Table 7-13. It is advised that environmental surveys may be required during decommissioning and abandonment and therefore should be included in the proposed text for Section 7.5.3.3.

### Table 7-13

This response is considered adequate.

### Section 7.5.4.1

This response is considered adequate.

### **Comment 77: DFO 17**

This response is considered adequate.

**Comment 78: DFO 14**

This response is considered adequate.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (709) 772-4140 or sara.lewis@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Yours sincerely,



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