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Ms. Young,

Thank you for forwarding the responses from the Hebron Project in relation to the Environmental Assessment Addendum to the Fish, Food and Allied Workers Union (FFAW) this afternoon at 4:27PM.

Having reviewed the letter which was issued on behalf of James O'Reilly, Environment and Regulatory Manager, I would like to emphasize that although there is a relative commitment to some mitigation efforts, it would be appreciated if the proponent was willing to state that they recognize the validity of comments made by those reviewing and to state unequivocally that they would avoid interference in fishing activity. It is an untenable circumstance that a **non-renewable** industry fails to give a **renewable** such a token gesture of respect and recognition.

The FFAW and its membership have been nothing but cooperative with the petroleum industry. With the consultation for the Addendum under consideration (in fact it was in the context of a faulty EA Update), harvesters expressed the concern of both the western and northern regions. If ExxonMobil Canada Properties together with their partners go into the fishing area it could not only have an immediate impact for the harvesters this year, but it could also have an impact on the viability of the area for the future.

Therefore, the FFAW continues to stand behind the comments and concerns that have been forwarded to the C-NLOPB over the past couple of days regarding the Addendum to the Hebron Project Comprehensive Study Report. Through the correspondence that has been seen on this matter, the prevailing comment that remains is that the proponent fails to categorically state that the Seismic vessel will **not** go into the fishing grounds to the east of the "Amended Offshore Project Area" (Hebron Project CSR Addendum, pg. 3).

The FFAW continues to recognize and support the prosperity the pursuit of petroleum resources can provide the economy. However, this should not be done at any cost, or with a negative impact on other ocean users. Fish harvesters have to approach everything in a precautionary manner and would respectfully request that the petroleum industry does the same. Strong relationships can be built on cooperation and collaboration, but to sustain a strong relationship there needs to be mutual respect and understanding of the circumstances of all.

Yours truly,

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