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Mr. Darren Hicks
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Dear Mr. Hicks:

Subject: ExxonMobil Hebron Field Geohazard Survey Environmental Assessment Addendum

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has reviewed the document entitled "*ExxonMobil Hebron Field Geohazard Survey Environmental Assessment Addendum*", dated May 20, 2010 and offer the following comments for your consideration.

In general, DFO Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) Region is satisfied with the responses provided within this addendum. However, with respect to the response regarding the recommendation to employ multiple Marine Mammal Observers, DFO understands that the Geophysical, Geological, Environmental and Geotechnical Program Guidelines are implemented by ExxonMobil Canada Properties, but would like to reiterate the fact that according to DFO science experts there would be added value in the proponent employing multiple Marine Mammal Observers.

Thank you for providing DFO the opportunity to comment on this document. If you have any questions or comments regarding the above, please contact Elizabeth Bennett, Senior Biologist, Marine Section (Newfoundland Region) by phone at (709)772-0853 or by e-mail (elizabeth.bennett@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

Yours truly,

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