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DARREN
Dear Mr. Hicks:

I am writing in response to your request for review of the Environmental Assessment (**CEAR 08-01-42400**) of the Exxon-Mobil Canada geohazard survey program for the Jeanne d'Arc Basin area.

The harvesting of multiple species occurs within the planned study area; therefore it is important that consultations with representatives of fish harvesters' operating within the project area are continued. This is needed to ensure minimal impacts to fishing operations and appropriate mitigation measures are employed.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on your proposal, and look forward to continued cooperation on this issue.

Sincerely,

Tom Dooley, Director
Sustainable Fisheries and Oceans Policy