From: DFO

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 1:30 PM

To: Hicks, Darren

Subject: RE: Husky Energy 2015 EA Update

## Darren:

I have reviewed the EA update with our Species at Risk and Fisheries Management Programs to ensure that the most recent information on Species at Risk and commercial fishing has been presented and offer the following comments as an FYI:

- \* With respect to the Drill Centre activity all planned activity is within the Canadian EEZ and the commercial fisheries updated information appears to be sound and accurate
- \* With respect to the Delineation/Exploratory drilling related activities for the Jeanne D'Arc Basin the updated commercial fishing information appears to be sound and accurate within the Canadian EEZ. There is a portion of the area outside of the EEZ and within the NAFO Regulatory Area, as such, it should be noted that there are foreign fishing activities occurring in proximity to the Delineation/Exploratory drilling activity outside of the EEZ –e.g. NAFO fishing footprint and that NAFO has established a number of closed area / vulnerable marine ecosystem (VME) areas outside of the EEZ to protect, among other things, corals, sponges and other marine resources. Maps of the fishing footprint and VMEs (e.g Area 2 Corals, Sponges and Sea Pen area) are publicly available from the NAFO website <a href="http://www.nafo.int/fisheries/frames/cem-toc.html">http://www.nafo.int/fisheries/frames/cem-toc.html</a> (NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures Report)
- \* With respect to Species at Risk Appendix 1 requires some minor updating as follows:
- o For White Hake the population name Atlantic and Northern Gulf of St. Lawrence should be included in the description;
- o For White Shark the population name Atlantic Population should be included in the description;
- o For Blue Whale the population name Atlantic Population should be included in the description;
- o The population name Northwest Atlantic should be added to the description; and The population name of Leatherback Turtle (Atlantic Population) should be included in the description.

I hope this is of some help. If you any questions or require anything further in this regard let me know.

## Regards,

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Subject: Husky Energy 2015 EA Update

Good Day All,

As part of the C-NLOPB's environmental assessment process, and as outlined in our Screening reports for multi-year projects, at the time of application for authorizations for works or activities that were previously assessed, Operators must provide environmental information to the Board. As stated in our screening reports, this information should outline the proposed activities, confirm that the proposed program activities fall within the scope of the previously assessed program, and indicate if, with this information, the EA predictions remain valid. In addition, the Operator shall provide information regarding the adaptive management of requirements of the SARA into program activities (e.g., introduction of new species or critical habitat to Schedule 1; additional mitigations; implementation of recovery strategies and/or monitoring plans).

Attached is a recent submission from Husky Energy for proposed activities in 2015 that addresses the above information requirements. If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Regards Darren

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