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Dear Mr. Hicks,

***Re: Review of Environmental Assessment Amendment of the Husky Delineation/
Exploration Drilling Program for Jeanne d'Arc Basin Area, 2008-2017***

As requested, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has completed a review of responses to DFO comments in the document entitled "Environmental Assessment Amendment of the Husky Delineation/Exploration Drilling Program for Jeanne d'Arc Basin, 2008-2017", dated November 2017. DFO offers the following comments for your review and consideration:

- Response to comment: **Section 2.0 Project Description, page 4, the first sentence** – This comment has not been satisfactorily addressed. The link between the Amendment, the current Environmental Assessment process for a Husky exploratory drilling program 2018-2026, and new Exploration Licences has not been clarified.
- Response to comment: **Section 2.3 Mitigation Measures, page 7 and 8** – This comment has been satisfactorily addressed. With respect to the coral mitigation (9th bullet on page 15 of November 2017 Amendment), it should be specified that for five or more large corals to constitute a colony, they would occur within a 100 square meter area.

If you have any questions or comments with respect to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (709) 772-2583 or by email at Kimberley.Keats@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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