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Mr. Hicks,

Having reviewed to responses provided by Husky Energy to the C-NLOPB dated June 25th (provided to the FFAW on July 3rd), I respectfully provide the below follow up.

The Fish, Food & Allied Workers Union (FFAW) reiterates that what was taken away from the meeting on October 9th, 2012, was not purely linked with the White Rose field. The concern which was raised by the harvesters certainly was not merely connected with the White Rose field, seeing that the statements used at the consultation meeting in September, 2012, were pointed towards petroleum development north of the current White Rose field. What was stated by Husky Energy at both meetings was there was nothing in the plans within the foreseeable future. The FFAW therefore reiterates the point that there is a disconnect between what was said in 2012, and what is proceeding to happen in 2013. This is not addressed in the submission made by Husky Energy.

The FFAW reiterates that there should be no seismic activity taking place on areas in which the Industry-DFO Post Season Trap Survey for Snow. The FFAW wants to respectfully state that any risk of impact on the survey is unacceptable. Therefore, the FFAW cannot be in favour of pursuing this Wellsite Survey at this time of the year or under the current circumstances. It remains valid, that any impact on the survey can have a significant economic impact on the fishing fleet, both in the near and the long term.

With the fishing industry being subject to a number of challenges on its existence, there have already been concerns raised this year with regards to the impact of seismic on the catch rates on the Grand Banks. If the Canada-Newfoundland & Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board finds it an acceptable risk, there needs to be the recognition that the FFAW, representing the harvesters, has concerns about the pursuit of seismic acquisition on these fishing grounds.

As portrayed in the Figures provided with Husky Energy's latest response, it is evident that there has in fact been Snow Crab harvesting activity taking place within the area in discussion within the last five years, during the month of July. It is therefore not an apt response to suggest that there is a low risk of interaction with the fishing industry.

Yours truly,

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