

Amendment to the Environmental Assessment of HMDC's 2D/3D/4D Seismic Projects, 2013-Life of Field (LGL Limited July 2015)

GENERAL COMMENTS

Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board

- Clarification is needed whether this system is intended to provide velocity profiling for the entire survey area or just the 100 km² box-in at this stage of the program.
- Clarification is needed that the running of the ScanFish Konia ROTV will not interfere with the regular duties of the picket vessel.
- We require that running of the system be documented on the weekly reports.

FFAW/Unifor

The main concern is with the addition to this project is that the profiler will be towed behind the chase boat while the FLO will be on the seismic vessel quite a distance behind. Depending on the timing of the usage of the profiler (and associated fisheries in the area) it may be worthwhile for the company to consider an additional FLO be deployed on the chase boat to mitigate any potential for fishing gear damage. The snow crab fishery is now closed but the post-season crab survey will be starting in September so fixed gear will be set in the water throughout the fall. Gear will be set however in fixed locations that the crew onboard the chase boat can access through the company, DFO or the FFAW.

Other than your emails regarding this addition we have not had any contact from the company on the added scope.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS

Environment Canada

Section 3.0 Potential Effects of the Sound Velocity Sensor Acoustic Emissions and ROTV Presence on the Environment - Migratory birds (particularly diving birds) and Species at Risk should be considered and discussed in the effects assessment, in a similar fashion to how fish, marine mammals, and marine reptiles have been discussed.