

C-NLOPB Comments

General Comment

There are several occurrences of the author referencing future 3-D seismic programs. The proponent should be reminded that this is not in context with the project description and scope of the project.

MKI Response

Future 3-D seismic surveys refers to the 2012 and 2013 period under this program. Future surveys refers to consideration with respect to changes in socio-economic and ecological VECs. Future surveys also refers to other operators with respect to cumulative effects.

C-NLOPB Response

3-D seismic programs are not included in the assessment of activities proposed for 2012 and 2013. Also, the response to C-NLOPB's comment on Section 4.2.4 indicates that "only 2-D surveys, vessel presence, presence of cables and streamers, and accidental events are project activities included in the EA.

Section 2.3.2.2 Logistical Support, Support Vessels, 2nd para.

Again, as per the Geophysical, Geological, Environmental and Geotechnical Program Guidelines (C-NLOPB 2011), the use of a Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO) onboard the seismic vessel is considered best practice.

MKI Response

Agreed that the guideline states the preference however it is not mandatory. There are circumstances that prevent the FLO or MMO or other personnel not essential to the operation of the vessel where the only physical space for accommodation is on the support vessel.

C-NLOPB Response

Understood. However, if space is available, would the first choice for the location of the FLO or MMO be the seismic vessel?