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Subject: RE: Multi Klient Invest (MKI) AS 2015 program for the Southern Grand Banks

Hello Darren:

The EA update is fine, however, I note the following clarification:

In Section 5.1 (page 23) it is stated that "DFO stated that from its point of view seismic surveying does not pose a "serious harm to fish". Our position remains that while the potential exists for seismic surveys to cause serious harm to fish, this potential is reduced significantly through the implementation of mitigation measures / Statement of Canadian Code of Practice / CNLOPB guidelines, hence our insistence on the inclusion of commitments to same within seismic program EAs. This sentence should be amended to reflect the importance of the implementation of mitigations measures in reducing the potential for seismic surveying to result in serious harm to fish.

I hope this is helpful.

Cheers,

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Good Day All,

As part of the C-NLOPB's environmental assessment process, and as outlined in our determination 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 MKI AS for proposed activities in 2015 that addresses the above information requirements. I am forwarding it for your information and to provide you with an update of their activities for this year. If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

More information may be found at <http://www.cnlopb.ca/assessments/mkisgbss.php>

Regards
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