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RE: Nalcor Energy Oil and Gas Geochemical Data Acquisition and Seabed Sampling Survey, Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area, 2013-2018 Commencement on Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Hicks.

Please find below our comments with respect to Nalcor Energy Oil and Gas Geochemical Data Acquisition and Seabed Sampling Survey as well as the identification of our specialists/experts.

The proponent fails to recognize and acknowledge that Nunatsiavut based fishers are not represented by the Fish, Food and Allied Workers (FFAW). Therefore, it is essential that Nalcor Energy Oil and Gas consult directly with the Nunatsiavut Government on the timing and location of areas of importance to Nunatsiavut fishers and any other fishing related issue. Furthermore, it is imperative that the Nunatsiavut Government be present and involved in the meeting with the FFAW and One Ocean to discuss the proposed project to the commercial fishing community. Recognizing and understanding the importance of the marine ecosystem to the health and wellbeing of Inuit is essential.

For information and knowledge from our specialist/experts, please contact myself directly, cc'ing Tom Sheldon on all correspondence. We will either provided the necessary information or contact the appropriate knowledge holder:

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Sincerely,



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