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Darren,

Environment and Climate Change Canada has reviewed the above-mentioned EA report and offers the following:

Table 4.18 - Barrow's Goldeneye

Change "does not breed" to "occurs in and may breed" in Newfoundland.

5.5.3.2 Seismic Sound Energy

Though there is little evidence that marine birds are adversely affected by marine geophysical surveys, the reverse is also true; there is little evidence that marine birds are not adversely affected by marine geophysical surveys. Further research is required to support either position. ECCC-CWS recommends revising this section to remove speculation.

Please note that in addition to our earlier comments on the Scoping Document and Project Description are still applicable.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning our comments.

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