

# Helicopter Operations Safety Committee (HOSC)

## Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday, October 1, 2014

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### Location:

HMDC – Cabot Place – 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

### Attendees:

Steve Moore (Cougar Helicopters Rep)  
Ray Dalton (Suncor Energy – Operator Rep – Chair)  
Matthew Hawco (C-NLOPB)  
Justin Tibbo (Henry Goodrich – Worker Rep)  
Ed Antle (Husky Energy – Operator Rep)  
John Whelan (Hibernia – Workforce Rep)  
Justin Meaney (SeaRose FPSO – Worker Rep)  
Andrea Gruchy (Husky Energy – Operator Administrator)  
Dennis Ricard (HMDC – Operator Rep)  
Alistair Mellis (Statoil – Operator Rep)  
Craig Williams (Terra Nova FPSO – Workforce Rep)  
Lesley Pardy (CHC Helicopters Canada Rep)  
Emmanuel Deriaz (CHC Helicopters Canada Rep)  
Peter McKeage (C-NLOPB Rep) – *via teleconference*

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### Decisions and Actions are in bold type

#### 1. **Safety Moment**

As the Thanksgiving holiday is just around the corner, Dennis presented safety tips on handling and cooking turkeys, the importance of using the proper recommended temperatures and taking extra precautions when using turkey deep fryers.

#### 2. **HOSC Co-Chair/New Members**

Ed Antle was elected by the HOSC as the new Co-Chair. The Committee welcomes Ed to his new role.

Member update: Eddy Singh has left the committee. Randy Lane (Mechanic – Henry Goodrich) and Wayne Walsh (Roustabout – GSF Grand Banks) will join as worker representatives. The committee would like to thank Eddy for his contribution and welcome Randy and Wayne.

#### 3. **Cougar Helicopters Update**

There were 14 Customer Flight Notifications (CFNs) since the last HOSC meeting. Steve reviewed each notification; no safety of flight issues was present (5 of the CFNs were in relation to manifest discrepancies).

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### 4. CHC Helicopters Canada Update

Facility renovations are now completed. Currently loading passenger information into the system with 95% of personnel training completed. By October 14 or 15, CHC is anticipated to be fully operational. An open house will be scheduled in the near future. West Hercules update: the rig is scheduled to arrive 60 nautical miles offshore on or about October 13.

The question was raised by an offshore medic about the use of SAR techs on CHC medevac flights. Lesley stated that SAR techs will not be used as AOMS crew will be onboard. **She noted the concern and will bring the question back to CHC; she will report back at the next meeting.**

### 5. Recommendations 20 Review

The committee began the review of [Recommendation 20](#): Worker and Pilot Involvement in Helicopter Safety Issues:

“It is recommended that the Regulator develop procedures to involve workers and pilots in the development, implementation, and monitoring of all helicopter safety issues on an ongoing basis.”

The review of this recommendation will be finalized at the next meeting in November. **All members are encouraged to read the recommendation prior to the meeting.**

Peter noted that the C-NLOPB Aviation Safety Oversight Program is not included here. **He will forward the Terms of Reference to all HOSC members.**

### Committee Recommendations

It was noted that the committee has yet to make a recommendation and that there should be a mechanism for action. All agreed that the Helicopter Steering Committee (a weekly operator management meeting) should be the correct venue for this.

The committee agreed on moving forward with two recommendations:

- i. Procedure for work refusal at third party locations such as Cougar, CHC, A. Harvey, etc.: all HOSC members agreed that this should be consistent amongst all operators. **Ed will bring this forward to the Helicopter Steering Committee meeting.**
- ii. SkyRouter on installations: John and Dennis will discuss with HMDC management.

It was also mentioned that the HOSC should be more visible. Minutes are posted on all offshore installations but should to be uploaded to the C-NLOPB's website. **Matthew will upload outstanding minutes online.**

It is important to note that any issues offshore should be directed through the JOSH Committees prior to the HOSC.

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### 6. Action Log

The action log was reviewed and the following items were updated:

- i. October 17 is the deadline to forward any changes/additions/comments regarding the HOSC charter. It will be finalized after the 17<sup>th</sup> and prepared for operator management sign off.
- ii. Dr. Susan Coleshaw's report regarding performance goals for BST training is still with CAPP but should be on the C-NLOPB's website soon.
- iii. Evacuation into Liferaft from S-92: Fred Anstey at Marine Institute will discuss whether or not this can be incorporated into HUET training with instructors. **Dennis to follow up with Fred prior to the next meeting.**
- iv. Liferaft deployment from S-92: Dennis spoke with Fred Anstey at Marine Institute and his recommendation is that this issue should be considered for an R&D project.
- v. As noted above, the procedure for work refusal at third party locations will be tabled at the next Helicopter Steering Committee meeting.

#### Items closed:

- i. The HF Radar Wave Height action item is closed as operators will be using an enroute forecast to determine if flights will proceed.

### 7. C-NLOPB Aviation Advisor Update

The Operational Safety Review (OSR) report is complete; details cannot be shared currently with the HOSC as the report is with operators for review/comment.

Members of the C-NLOPB visited CHC's new office. A debrief will be given to Alistair within the next few days.

[CAP 1145](#): we continue to lead in most areas. The EBS initial training has been completed (ground school only) and 26,000 units have been deployed in the North Sea. The Oil and Gas Producers are currently wrestling with new window size mitigation which has disqualified some smaller aircraft from being used offshore (S76) as well as the restriction of oversize passengers to seating next to emergency exits and windows.

EASA RMT.0210 (Ditching Occupant Survivability) working group is finalizing the draft on certification for liferaft, size of windows and side flotation. There is more progress regarding RMT.0608 (helicopter gearbox lubrication); currently looking at criteria for certification of loss of lubrication. Sikorsky and Airbus were present at the recent meetings.

### 8. New Business

The C-NLOPB Safety Conference is scheduled to take place on November 13 at the Sheraton Hotel. All HOSC members will be invited and are encouraged to promote participation.

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The date of the next annual CHC Safety Summit has been released. The event is scheduled to take place March 23-25, 2015 in Vancouver, British Columbia. Registration will open in December 2014 for those interested in attending.

#### **9. Next Meeting**

The next HOSC meeting is scheduled for November 12 at Statoil office (2 Steers Cove, Level 2 - Cormack Building, St. John's) at 9:00am.