REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATORY DRILLING EAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Engagement Activity / Meeting Notes: Regional Assessment Committee and Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office

Negotiation Office		
Date and Time /	June 25, 2019	
Duration	9-11 am	
Location	Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO), 75 Treaty Trail, Millbrook, NS	
Organization(s)	KMKNO	
Participants (External)	Derek Peters	Teleconference:
	Committee Members:	Regional Assessment Task Team:
Participants (Internal)	Garth Bangay Wes Foote Keith Storey	Virginia Crawford
Key Questions/Issues Raised	Interested in 1. Effect of Impact Assessment Act (Sections 1.2 and 1.3 in Agreement to Conduct a Regional Assessment of Offshore Oil and Gas Exploratory Drilling East of Newfoundland and Labrador, which accounts for the Impact Assessment Act) 2. Data used in GIS for Regional Assessment (RA) expected to be generally better than type of data in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) because of dynamic platform of GIS vs static report of EIS. Existing data will be used in the RA. 3. Frequency of updating RA GIS and how it is used to make decisions 4. Environmental Studies Research Fund (ESRF) salmon study 5. Conditions associated with RA like well site surveys 6. Exclusion zones and other spatial planning 7. Explicit parameters around technology used for activities 8. Designation process in the Impact Assessment Act Concerns 9. Effect on Atlantic salmon, American eel and level of information gaps remaining with these species 10. Cumulative effects of exploration wells and production and how it is being considered 11. Physical and social effects of spills and of catastrophic events 12. Need more consistency in capping stack deployment (timelines, etc) 13. Role of regulator (CNLOPB and CNSOPB) promoting industry rather than protecting environment 14. Requirement of Environmental Impact Statement could be dropped and replaced with RA Information 15. Mi'kmaw Conservation Group (MCG) and Shelley Denny of Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources (UINR) will be key with respect to technical input 16. KMKNO is building a fisheries team with Allison Bernard as lead	
Items	 Invitation to Technical Advisory Group from Steve Bonnell (CEA Agency) Derek will send the UINR report on salmon 	
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