

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

Engagement Activity / Meeting Notes: Regional Assessment Committee and Nunatsiavut Government

Date and Time / Duration	June 11, 2019 2-4 pm	
Location	Nunatsiavut Government, 1A Hillcrest Rd., Happy Valley-Goose Bay NL	
Organization(s)	Nunatsiavut Government	
Participants (External)	Claude Sheppard Amanda Joynt	Teleconference:
Participants (Internal)	Committee Members:	Regional Assessment Task Team:
	Garth Bangay Wes Foote Gerald Anderson	Virginia Crawford
Key Questions/Issues Raised	<p>Interested in</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GIS platform—Claude had seen recent similar applications of GIS through GeoMapping for Energy & Minerals (GEMS) 2. Participation in TAG (Technical Advisory Group) 3. Who would use GIS and how would it be used in helping to make decisions about drilling and other applications 4. Indigenous Knowledge in marine area and using GIS and Google Earth 5. Effective use of spill modelling 6. Environmental Studies Research Fund (ESRF) funding for studies 7. Differences between a “class screening” and the Regional Assessment (RA) 8. Thanked Committee for sharing Summary of Comments and found it very useful <p>Concerns</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Where would funding come from for monitoring, etc. 10. When does no data make a no-go decision? Will there be smaller areas or sub-regions? Will there be threshold limits and use of precautionary principle? 11. Data-sharing issues with Indigenous Knowledge. Is there a way to use data without revealing detail? Perhaps scale areas of interest from highest to least and show scale instead. 12. Recommend noise modelling particularly if seismic used. 13. Cumulative effects assessment important—Amanda shared letter from NG to CNLOPB of 2017 about process and trust. Amanda to share Board’s response, which she characterized as good but lacking follow up. 14. What is the correct level of threshold for the area—100 exploration drilling wells over 10 years? Speaks to improving the practice of cumulative effects to be able to develop a threshold. <p>Information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. NG interested in adding value and efficiencies to current environmental assessment process. Noted it was “a chunky process”. 16. NG developing a marine plan “immapibut” to 12-mile limit and 200-mile limit— identify protected area. 	

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	17. INAC developed the Petroleum and Environmental Management Tool (PEMT) which was a GIS based tool to help guide decision making related to Oil and Gas Development in the Canadian Arctic and was operational in 2013. Committee may wish to look at this in terms of its geospatial database application.
Follow-up / Action Items	1. Followup with Directors of Environment and Lands—Virginia reach out to Claude (email sent June 12 to contact us with further questions and followup with TAG information June 14) 2. NG will draft answers to questions
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