## REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATORY DRILLING EAST OF **NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR** Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Session: Indigenous Knowledge **Engagement Activity / Meeting Notes** Date and Time / Wednesday, October 2, 2019 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ADT **Duration** College of the North Atlantic, Labrador Institute, Happy Valley Goose Bay, NL Location In-person: George Russell Jr., Manager Environment and Natural Resources, NunatuKavut **Participants** Community Council (External) Donna Carroll, Implementation Coordinator, Environment and Natural Resources, NunatuKavut Community Council **Committee Members:** Regional Assessment Task Team: **Participants** Wes Foote Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (Internal) Gerald Anderson Virginia Crawford **Considerations:** 1. NunatuKavut Community Council have contributed IK to Labrador Shelf Offshore Area Strategic Environmental Assessment, which is currently in draft and to be submitted to consultant working on behalf of the C-NLOPB. There may be other studies available for the area. 2. Ocean is the lifeblood for the community. Many community members are fish harvesters in 2J, 3K for many species. 3. Still acquiring a level of comfort with this industry through participation in information sessions and acquiring knowledge. **Concerns:** 4. Impacts to migratory species in Southern Labrador due to drilling activities. Involved in ESRF Atlantic salmon migration study includes DFO Science (Martha Key Robertson) and studies of rivers in Newfoundland and Labrador. Messages/Issues 5. Current communications for recent oil spills not sufficient. Raised 6. In addition, a recent example was cited where a fisher was requested to move from area fishing due to ongoing seismic acquisition. 7. Climate change apparent in capelin and American Robin appearing north of their typical range—elders have no word for these species. **Areas of Interest:** 8. Important to include NunatuKavut understanding of environment. 9. Important to have communication protocols in place for project activities and updates and to inform—benefit to having all stakeholders at table and importantly operators with whom it is important to have a relationship. For example, protocol exists between NunatuKavut Community Council and mine company to advise of incidents where operators contact NunatuKavut Community Follow-up / NunatuKavut Community Council will be submitting IK document in the coming days **Action Items** to the Committee. **Prepared By:** Virginia Crawford