

**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 / Duration	Friday, October 11, 2019 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. NDT	
Location	Mount Peyton Hotel, Grand Falls Windsor, NL	
Participants (External)	<u>In-person:</u> Ross Hinks Miawpukek First Nation Stuart Etheridge Miawpukek First Nation Andrew John Miawpukek First Nation Jonathon Strickland Qalipu First Nation Alyssa Hunter Qalipu First Nation	
Participants (Internal)	<u>Committee Members:</u> Garth Bangay Wes Foote Gerald Anderson	<u>Regional Assessment Task Team:</u> Impact Assessment Agency of Canada Virginia Crawford
Key Messages/Issues Raised	<p>Considerations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Include a timing element to the Regional Assessment Report whereby information like traditional knowledge and current uses are updated regularly 2. With collaboration comes commitment and time management is an issue. <p>Concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Pleased to see that at the TAG meetings in St. John’s in September, Miawpukek’s concerns were echoed by many others and very glad to be involved in these sessions— have not been asked to participate in this type of process in the past. 4. Insufficient baseline data exists throughout the study area particularly with respect to Atlantic salmon. Data needs to be relevant. 5. Imposing a set of conditions across a large Study Area. Perhaps any exploration activity occurring in the study area of the Regional Assessment should trigger a proponent being required to engage with Indigenous groups. 6. EAs based on dated material and some questions not being answered. 7. Aggressive timeline for completion of the Assessment. 8. A drilling project proceeding without notification period when information and traditional use changes over time. 9. Indigenous Knowledge is complicated and it is a struggle to incorporate it in a meaningful way. Important to continue to engage with Indigenous people and communities. 10. IK is being collected and shelved rather than being used to make decisions. 11. Concerns about who and how the GIS for the Regional Assessment will be maintained. <p>Areas of Interest:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Gina’masuti Mi’gmewei MFN Traditional Use Protocol hard copy and link provided. (posted to the Registry) 13. Interested in trying a new way to collaborate and work together to express Indigenous Knowledge in a process like the Regional Assessment. 	
Follow-up / Action Items	1. Committee will follow up with next step on collaborating as part of the Regional Assessment Report.	
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