

REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATORY DRILLING  
EAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR  
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QUESTIONS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION  
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- 1) Are there any particular information sources or analysis (such as climate change projections) that you think should be accessed and used in the RA?
- 2) Are there any specific environmental phenomena or changes resulting from climate change that you feel are already having (or will likely have) an effect on the environmental conditions of the Study Area that should be a focus of the RA? In particular, any with implications for the potential environmental effects of future exploratory drilling activities in the Study Area?
- 3) Are there any particular environmental components and conditions that will likely change over the course of an exploratory drilling program and which therefore require consideration in its initial and on-going planning and implementation? To what degree can such changes likely be anticipated and addressed in initial planning and design, or is an "adaptive management" approach required?
- 4) Do you have any suggestions around how the RA should consider climate change in its content and outcomes, including in the eventual recommendations of the Committee?

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5) Do you have any other input or recommendations that you would like to provide to the Committee on this topic?

Future exploratory drilling should be limited to certain times of the year given changing environments over the years to come. Limits should be put in place on offshore activities to safeguard the environment from growing and increasing risk that climate change will cause into the future.

~~The~~ The future activity in this industry must know that their activity will and should be reduced over time to ensure less risk is taken going into the future. ~~No risk~~ should be acceptable in the 21st century.

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