

REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATORY DRILLING EAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR Engagement Activity / Meeting Notes Date finalized: December 17, 2019		
Date and Time / Duration	Tuesday, November 26, 2019 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	
Location	ALT Hotel - Halifax Airport 40 Silver Dart Drive, Halifax, NS	
Organization(s)	Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO)	
Participants (External)	<u>In-person:</u> Fred Kingston Ricardo Federizon Andrew Kenny Pierre Pepin Mariano Koen-Alonso Barbara Neves Pablo Duran Munoz Mar Sacau Kenji Taki	<u>Teleconference:</u> N/A
Participants (Internal)	<u>Committee Members:</u> Garth Bangay Maureen Murphy Rustad Wes Foote	<u>Regional Assessment Task Team:</u> <i>Impact Assessment Agency of Canada</i> Carys Burgess
Record of Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Garth provided an update on the Regional Assessment including an introduction of the attending Committee members, context of the Regional Assessment and timelines 2. The group had a brief update on the GIS tool (demonstration planned for next week) 3. The group discussed the process following the release of the Regional Assessment Report including the process of developing regulations from the recommendations and exemptions versus designated projects 4. Introduction to NAFO presentation (Fred Kingston) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAFO background • Discussion of the 5 main areas of concern from NAFO and Contracting Parties of NAFO 5. Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VMEs) presentation from co-chairs of the NAFO Scientific Council Working Group on Ecosystem Science and Assessment (Andrew Kenny and Pierre Pepin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As regional habitats to protect VME indicator species (approx. 70) at or above significant population levels • Habitats are structurally complex, easily impacted and have slow recovery times (i.e., decades) • New VME assessment completed by NAFO (current results are from 2013) 	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. The NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures (NCEM) prescribe, <i>inter alia</i>, the list of VME indicator species, as well as all the other measures to protect VMEs in the NAFO Regulatory Area (that is outside Canada's 200-mile limit)7. The group discussed the NAFO concerns and other related topics:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CSAS review and upcoming CSAS meeting planned for discussions on mitigation measures for corals• Need to understand cumulative effects8. The Committee reminded NAFO of the upcoming Committee meetings next week. NAFO will plan to attend the NS meeting on December 69. F. Kingston read a statement to clarify that NAFO will provide a formal statement after a draft report for the Regional Assessment is provided to them for review
Follow-up / Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Fred Kingston to send a hard copy of the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures to the Task Team/Committee. (It can also be found at the following link: https://www.nafo.int/Fisheries/Conservation).
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