

From: DFO
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 9:52 AM
To: Hicks, Darren
Subject: Review of March 2016 EA Amendment Statoil 2011-2019 Jeanne d'Arc and North Ridge/Flemish Pass Basin Geophysical Program

Hello Darren:

I am writing further to your March 18, 2016 letter requesting review of the above noted EA Amendment and offer the following comments for your review and consideration accordingly:

* Section 2.2.1 (page 8) – the document provides the Exploration Licenses (EL) held totally or partially by Statoil that fall within the amended project/ study area (i.e. EL 1139, 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143 and 1138 (Statoil in partnership with Chevron) for clarity these ELs should be numbered on Figures 1, 2, and 3 which show the expanded Study/project areas relative to Statoil ELs.

* Section 5.2.5 Species at Risk (page 20) – the last sentence of the 2nd paragraph accurately notes that “No designated critical habitat for these SARA – listed species occurs in the Project and Study Areas”. Given that the proposed geophysical program is planned to extend to 2019 the status of designation of critical habitat for SARA listed species may (or may not) change, as such any future EA Updates should bear this in mind and ensure that they reflect the most current and accurate information vis a vis SARA species critical habitat designations.

* Appendices – similar to above comment since the planned geophysical program is planned to continue into 2019 any subsequent EA Updates should also present the most current information on existing commercial fishing activity within the Project and Study Areas.

I trust this will be helpful if you have any questions or require anything further in this respect please let me know.

Regards,

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