

Environmental Assessment of WesternGeco's Southeastern Newfoundland Offshore Seismic Program 2015-2024 Addendum(LGL January 2016)

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## **GENERAL COMMENTS**

### **Fish, Food and Allied Workers (FFAW)**

Consultation remains paramount if seismic and fish harvesting are to harmoniously exist. As the project covers a large project area for a ten year period, probability is high that there will be seismic vessels operating within active harvesting areas throughout this time. The Petroleum Industry Liaison with FFAW-Unifor is available to aide in further consultation with the fishing industry as required.

### **Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)**

With respect to our comment vis a vis Leatherback Sea Turtle population being reflected within Table 4.17, the proponent's response to our comment is accurate and acceptable. While not requiring any further revision the proponent should note that the information on the SARA and COSEWIC websites / listings is likely to be amended in the near future to update and include population names for Leatherback Sea Turtle. As such annual project EA updates should bear this in mind and reflect any subsequent changes accordingly.

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS

### FFAW

**Section 4.2.2.1 Macro-invertebrate and Fish Species Harvested during Commercial Fisheries, sub-section Snow Crab, page 49** - While we respect the DFO SAR referenced, we reiterate that the observations of harvesters do not indicate a decline in the snow crab resource in 3LNO.

**Section 5.5.3.3 Avoidance of Fisheries Science Surveys, page 181** - The 7 day temporal buffer is **NOT** an acceptable mitigation for fisheries or fisheries science in the view of the FFAW-Unifor. In relation to the Industry-DFO Collaborative Post-Season Trap Survey for Snow Crab, the 7 day temporal separation is not an acceptable protocol. Furthermore, this perspective is shared by our scientific partners at Fisheries and Oceans Canada. It is our stance that seismic work should **NOT** be conducted in the vicinity of survey stations.