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Attachments: CWS BMP stranded birds Draft 2 17Apr 2015.pdf; CWS BMP stranded birds Draft 2 17Apr 2015.pdf

Darren,

As requested in your letter of 13 May 2015, Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the environmental assessment (EA) report "Environmental Assessment of WesternGeco's Southeastern Newfoundland Offshore Seismic Program, 2015-2024." (LGL Limited 2015).

Please note that EC's previous comments on the scoping document and project description (submitted to you on 19 February 2015) are still applicable to the project as described in the EA report with the exception of the following advisory from the Canadian Wildlife Service of Environment Canada (EC-CWS):

5.5.5.6 Seabird Strandings and 5.7.6.2 Vessel Lights Quote: Any seabirds (most likely Leach's Storm-Petrel) that become stranded on the vessels will be released using the mitigation methods consistent with The Leach's Storm-Petrel: General Information and Handling Instructions by U. Williams (Petro-Canada) and J. Chardine (CWS) (n.d.)."

A new draft document for handling stranded birds is now available that replaces the above Williams and Chardine protocol, and is attached below. The document is entitled "Best practices for standard birds encountered offshore - Atlantic Canada", and is dated April 2015. The document is still in development and a final version will be provided when available.

<<CWS BMP stranded birds Draft 2 17Apr 2015.pdf>>

I trust that this information will be of assistance in your review of this proposal. If you wish to discuss these comments or have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Yours truly,

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