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Dear Mr. Hicks:

**Subject:**     **DFO Review – *White Rose Extension Project Environmental Assessment***

As requested, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has completed a review of the document entitled "*White Rose Extension Project Environmental Assessment*" dated December 21, 2012 and other supporting documentation as provided to DFO on January 30, 2013.

After a multi-sector review, DFO has determined that the Environmental Assessment sufficiently meets the requirements of the Scoping Document issued on December 18, 2012. Attached for your consideration are departmental comments, including a requirement for additional information to offset the loss of fish habitat associated with dredging/excavation activities at the graving dock site in Argentia, NL.

Thank you for providing DFO the opportunity to comment on these documents. If you have any questions or comments regarding the above, please contact Jason Kelly by phone at (709) 772-8889 or by e-mail ([jason.kelly@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:jason.kelly@dfo-mpo.gc.ca)).

Regards,



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