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Subject: Feedback on the draft SEA report for possible oil exploration in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

To whom it may concern.

- a. The draft report shows a lack of social acceptability in all five Gulf provinces;
 - b. Newfoundland's part of the Gulf has many sensitive and unique sectors, vital to the Gulf ecosystem's health;
 - c. The acknowledged knowledge gaps are important. Further study is required;
 - d. Fisheries and tourism are very important. It is very difficult for them to successfully cohabit with oil and gas activities;
 - e. The draft report says that the efficiency of proposed mitigation measures is not proven. This alone should be a HUGE red flag.
- a. Comments and briefs presented by the public in the Fall 2012 were not correctly addressed and integrated in the draft report;
 - b. Impacts and risks of offshore oil and gas activities as well as hydraulic fracturing have been minimized throughout the report;
 - c. Economic importance of fisheries and tourism are greater than shown in the draft report;
 - d. Mitigation measures proposed by AMEC are weak and intervention capacity in case of oil spill are clearly inadequate, etc.

In summary, AMEC's draft report is weak in many aspects and is not adequate to serve as a decision tool for the C-NLOPB .

Regards

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