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Dear Mr. Tessier: Supplemental Recommendation – Oil Spill Response Gap Study

We are following up on our response to the SEA Update Report 2013, specifically concerns #4 – 7 which deal with the “inability to ‘mitigate’ an oil spill in a Nor’easter under winter ice (or any time of year), in a semi-enclosed sea with five provincial coastlines, chronic strong winds and tides, and counter-clockwise currents that only flush into the Atlantic once a year. The counter-clockwise currents could carry pollutants to the coasts of every province in Atlantic Canada over the course of a year”.

It has been brought to our attention that an Oil Spill Response Gap study has been conducted for certain offshore Arctic areas. Given the vulnerable, unique nature of the Gulf of St Lawrence and the multi-billion dollar fishery and tourism industries it supports in five provinces, we think it is incumbent upon the CNLOPB to address this oil spill response issue for our Gulf .

We are therefore recommending that the CNLOPB immediately undertake an OIL SPILL RESPONSE GAP Study to address this profound discrepancy of oil spill preparedness in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Respectfully submitted,

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