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Re Notification of the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board Call for Bids NS21-1

Ms. Murphy,

I write in response to your letter dated May 3, 2021 with respect to the above notification.

The Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia depend on the lands, waters, and resources in Nova Scotia and the Mi'kmaw Nation has never surrendered, ceded, or sold title to any of its lands and waters in Nova Scotia. The Mi'kmaq have a title claim to all of Nova Scotia and as co-owners of the land, waters and its resources it is expected that any potential impacts to rights and title shall be addressed. Clearly this project will impact traditional and current use fishing activities.

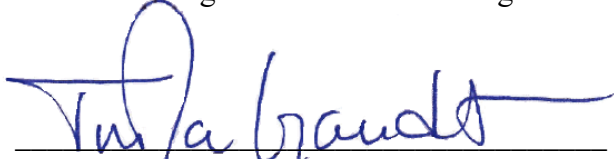
After reviewing the proposed Call for Bids NS21-1, our office has determined that this project could impact future moderate livelihood fishing opportunities and current communal commercial fishing access in LFA 41. In November of 2021, a number of our Mi'kmaw communities partnered on the purchase of Clearwater Seafoods. This Call for Bids is happening off-shore in LFA 41 and could certainly impact this commercial acquisition, and future access to off-shore lobster and other species.

Our office is recommending that the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) reach out directly to Membertou, Sipekne'katik, and We'koqma'q for more information on their consultation processes, while Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO) is responsible for coordinating consultation on behalf of our member bands including Paqtnekek, Pictou Landing and Potlotek First Nation.

With respect to potential impacts on future moderate livelihood offshore fishing activities, KMKNO will facilitate any future consultation for our member Mi'kmaq communities in Nova Scotia.

We kindly request that all information and continued correspondence be forwarded to KMKNO to facilitate the flow of the process and communication. Please contact Patrick Butler, Mi'kmaw Energy and Mines Advisor or myself for any further questions.

Yours in Recognition of Mi'kmaw Rights and Title,



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