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**Subject:** RE: Strategic Environmental Assessment draft Scoping Document now available for public comment

Allo Elizabeth !

I have reviewed SEA document provided . This is a very good document and I do not have major issues. I believe, as well that Glen and Michael will provide additional comments.

Therefore from our Gulf Region end , issues related to fisheries management, fish habitat and SARA are to be considered in the document.

Therefore :

Species of Special Status :

- As stated in the document a special attention should be taken for all marine mammal species and especially the sea turtle , since it share habitats in the 3 DFO jurisdictions (Gulf, Maritimes, NFLD).

At section 6.3.1 Fisheries :

- It will be important to consider the potential impact on the Gulf Fisheries Fleet which they are users of the proposed areas .
- Fisheries (VEC) for NAFO area 4T , 4Vn and 3PS, will be the section that we will need to verify in details and make sure all stakeholders, First Nations and Aboriginal organisations are consulted once they provide the final SEA document. Same consideration should be taken for the inshore LFAs/CFAs etc.
- A particular attention should be taken during the study on Bras D'Or lakes (aquaculture sites)
- The shrimp fishery should be included.
- Last paragraph , page 8 , Fisheries have the potential to be affected ....and indirectly (.....and health of fish , **the killing of fish and /or permanently alter or destroy fish habitat**)

6.3.3 Potential Exploration Activities :

- Page 11, section potential avoidance of locations.....marine biota.....which may alter.....**migration , feeding, rearing, reproduction, nursery** . ( as defined as section 34 of fisheries act )

Consultations:

- I recommend that fishermen association and aboriginal groups from Gulf Nova Scotia be included in the consultation process , especially from the Gulf Cape Breton Shore area .

Appendix A : section 2, last paragraph : The SEA.....times for these species (such as feeding, migration , nursery, and/or spawning and **rearing** grounds )

Again thank very much to have provided us chance to review the document .

If you have question let me know .

Cheers

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Good afternoon FAC members,

The CNSOPB is preparing a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for exploration activities in the Sydney Basin and Orpheus Graben areas. There are no current exploration licenses or program applications for activity in these areas. Information from the SEA will assist the CNSOPB in its determination with respect to the potential issuance of future exploration rights within these areas, and may identify general restrictive or mitigative measures that should be considered for application to potential exploration activities. Any subsequent projects in an area covered by this SEA, including seismic programs and exploratory wells, will require a project specific environmental assessment as part of the application for activity authorization.

The document is available to view or download from the CNSOPB SEA Public Registry:

<http://www.cnsopb.ns.ca/environment/environmental-assessments/public-registry-sea/file-no-753458>

The comment period on the Scoping Document is now open, until **May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015**.

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