



Netukulimkewe'l Commission

The Natural Life Management Authority for the Large Community of Mi'kmaq / Aboriginal Peoples who continue to reside on Traditional Mi'kmaq Territory in Nova Scotia undisplaced to Indian Act Reserves.

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- Aboriginal Fisheries Public Relations Facilitator
- Regional Netukulimk Advisory Councils
- Protocol Secretariat
- Mi'kma'ki Environments Resources Development Secretariat (MERDS)

Re: Environmental Assessment Track Report

Dear Mr. Theriault:

Thank-you for providing the Native Council of Nova Scotia Netukulimkewe'l Commission with the *Environmental Assessment Track Report*, dated October 20, 2006.

After reviewing the report, we have some questions regarding the Public Comments – Summary of Public Comments on Scoping Document and the RA's Response to those Comments, in Section 4 of the report.

The Native Council of Nova Scotia requests clarification from the CNSOPB on the response to our request that "there is a procedural obligation binding the CNSOPB, as a federal and provincial government regulatory decision-making body and RA under the CEA Act, to ensure that the duty to consult with Aboriginal Peoples is honored". How has the CNSOPB determined that the duty to consult with Aboriginal Peoples is the responsibility of the governments, and not the CNSOPB as an RA? What are the government of Nova Scotia and government of Canada's process for consultation with Aboriginal Peoples regarding Canada-Nova Scotia offshore oil and gas development?

From the Office of :

Also, regarding the benefits plan, when will the benefits plan be developed and where will it be made publicly available?

Progress through Consultation, Accommodation
and Participatory Involvement and Partnerships



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