

## CANADA - NOVA SCOTIA OFFSHORE PETROLEUM BOARD

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Mr. Barry Jeffrey  
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Dear Mr. Jeffrey:

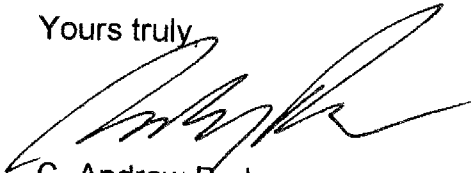
### RE: SARA Notification

Pursuant to subsection 79(1) of the *Species At Risk Act* (SARA), the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) hereby notifies the Minister of the Environment that the following Schedule 1 Species are likely to be in the portion of the project area under the jurisdiction of the CNSOPB for the proposed Deep Panuke Offshore Gas Development Project:

- Endangered Species:
  - Roseate tern (*Sterna dougallis*)
  - Leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*)
  - Blue Whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*)
  - North Atlantic right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*)
  - Northern bottlenose whale (*Hyperoodon ampullatus*)
  
- Threatened Species:
  - Northern wolffish (*Anarhichas denticulatus*)
  - Spotted wolffish (*Anarhichas minor*)
  
- Species of Special Concern:
  - Ivory Gull (*Pagophila eburnean*)
  - Barrow's goldeneye (*Bucephala silandica*)
  - Harlequin duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*)
  - Atlantic Wolffish (*Anarhichas lupus*)
  - Ipswich Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis princeps*)

The CNSOPB is a Responsible Authority and it is required to conduct an environmental assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* before an authorization is issued under paragraph 142(1)(b) of the *Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accords Implementation Act*.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Andrew Parker', written over a horizontal line.

C. Andrew Parker  
Manager, Environment

cc. Mark McLean, Fisheries and Oceans