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Mr. Mark McLean
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Dear Mr. McLean:

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 Fisheries and Oceans 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. Barry Jeffrey, Environment Canada