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To: Beth Vardy

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Subject: RE: Drilling EA Addendum

Beth:

DFO has reviewed the document entitled " Validity of the June 2001 Environmental Assessment of Exploratory Wells in Lower Musquodoboit, Huckleberry , and Southampton and the November 2002 Environmental Assessment for Exploration Drilling in Margaree, Grand Pre, and Cohasset" and offer the following comments:

Section 3 SPECIES AT RISK does update species at risk and section 4 outlines the mitigation required for compliance under the Species at Risk Act. However, comments will follow (by October 28, 2005) regarding DFO's preferences for the way this information should be presented for review in the future.

Section 5 FISHERIES mentions the growing sea cucumber fishery. The four areas selected for exploratory fishing for sea cucumbers in 2005 do not interfere with the proposed drilling locations. The closest area is about 125 km away to the east.

If you have any questions regarding these comments please call me at (902) 426-4692.

Sincerely,

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