

The Scoping Document for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Misaine Bank is now available

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The purpose of the SEA is to provide an overview of the existing environment in the Misaine Bank area, as well as to discuss the potential environmental effects associated with offshore oil and gas activities, identify knowledge and data gaps, highlight issues of concern, and make recommendations for mitigation and planning in the area. Information from the SEA will assist the CNSOPB in determining whether exploration rights should be offered in whole or in part for the area, and may also help to identify appropriate general restrictive or mitigative measures applicable to exploration activities.

If you would like a paper copy, please contact Beth Vardy, CNSOPB Environmental Analyst, at (902) 496-0737. Please note that the Board plans to release a draft of the Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Misaine Bank for a 30 day public comment period. It is expected the draft will be completed mid June 2005.

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