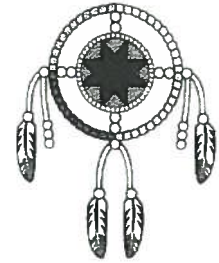


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Dear Ms. Bonnell-Eisnor:

Re: Call for Bids, NS 13-1 for six (6) N.S. Offshore Exploration Licences

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The Shubenacadie Band is writing to you in regards to the above noted issue. This Call for Bids has dismayed the Band given the lack of consultation with the Shubenacadie Band. As you may know, the Shubenacadie Band has harvesting areas within and near those areas where the Exploration Licences will be located. These harvesting interests are community owned and are held and managed by the Band on behalf of all its membership in furtherance of a whole range of community objectives. It is in the context of our Constitutionally protected rights that we must express our opposition at this time to the proposed Licences.

As there is a Duty to Consult with Shubenacadie on the part of the Crown wherever there may be an impact on our Communal Rights, we are hereby requesting that meaningful and continuing consultation with the Band must first take place in this matter before the Licences are considered to be issued so that any infringement on our rights are duly considered and where applicable, accommodated and any infringement is minimalized or eliminated. To date there has been no Consultations with the Shubenacadie Band, nor under the Terms of Reference for the Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Consultation Process when Shubenacadie was a part of that process.

The Band is of the strong stance that it is simply too early, and there are too many unknowns, as well as a distinct lack of firm and reliable evidence that such activities would not cause a disruption to both the affected marine life and eco-system. This activity may have both short term and long term ramifications that cannot be simply undone once the process has begun. In that regard, it is unreasonable to proceed without knowing what the consequences will be for marine life, the environment, and the corresponding effect on our Mi'kmaq rights.

Therefore the Band is requesting evidence from Canada that seismic testing has no negative effects on the fisheries and habitat in the subject area. Until that time, it is simply too early in

this unknown field to proceed without appropriate science validating the safety and soundness of seismic testing. The unknown and untested nature of this proposed endeavour will by extension mean that there are unknown and potential negative impacts on our Rights. This increases the need for detailed and ongoing consultation with Shubenacadie as the Band will fully expect and anticipate any losses suffered to be accordingly compensated. In that regard, the Shubenacdie Band reserves all rights and remedies, including all legal avenues should this seismic testing interfere, damages, or degrades Shubenacadie's access and participation in its Fisheries.

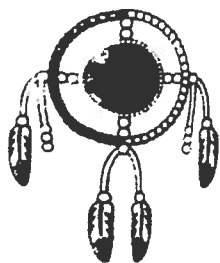
The Band would also state that we take our guardianship over our natural resources very seriously and that while balancing the different interests that are involved, the overall guiding principle of protecting future generations and the viability of natural resources must not be compromised by making decisions based upon the incomplete knowledge of today.

The Band sincerely hopes that its position and interest are received in the spirit in which they were given.

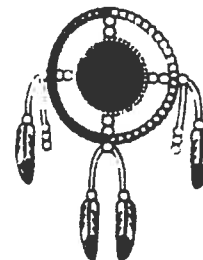
Sincerely;



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