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June 3, 2015

Dear Mr. Pinks,

Re: Notification of the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board Call for Bids NS15-1

This letter is in response to your letter dated May 11, 2015 whereby you give notice that the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) issued Call for Bids NS15-1 on April 28, 2015 which consists of nine (9) parcels in three distinct areas of Nova Scotia's offshore.

Notice to Sipekne'katik of any Call for Bids by CNSOPB should occur prior to the call being released.

There is concern for the accumulative impacts of the many projects approved within the offshore waters of Nova Scotia.

There are many species that travel and migrate through this area identified for exploratory drilling for petroleum. Sipekne'katik is concerned of the impact of the Swordfish migration, the North Atlantic Right Whale critical habitat, the Northern Bottlenose Whale, the Coral conservation area, the Lobster Broodstock areas, the juvenile Redfish areas and the Haddock Box area, to name a few.

Sipekne'katik holds commercial fishing licenses within the bid area and surrounding areas for Lobster, Crab, Groundfish, Snow Crab, Scallops, Swordfish and Tuna. There is concern for impact on these species.

Sipekne'katik members participate in Food, Social and Ceremonial fishing as an Aboriginal Right.

There is concern for the environment and how will (or how can) Canada meet the set emission targets by 2030.

Sipekne'katik submitted comments for the Call for Bids NS14-1 and has not received reply nor acknowledge of receipt of letter.

Sipekne'katik reiterates from our June 19, 2014 letter to the CNSOPB that the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia never ceded the lands of Nova Scotia and assert title to all lands, minerals, natural resources, including offshore waters of and around Nova Scotia.

Sincerely yours,


Chief Rufus Copage

cc. Justin Huston, Office of Aboriginal Affairs