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CANADA NOVA SCOTIA
OFFSHORE PETROLEUM BOARD

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Dear Ms. Funke,

Re: Notification of the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board Call for Bids NS16-1

This letter is in response to your letter dated May 20, 2016 whereby you give notice that the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) issued Call for Bids NS16-1 on May 2, 2016 which consists of six (6) parcels offshore of Nova Scotia. You advise that Parcels 1, 2 and 3 are located within shallow water on the Scotian Shelf, south of Sable Island and adjacent to current natural gas production from the Sable Offshore Energy Project. You also advise that Parcels 4, 5 and 6 are located south of Parcels 1 2 and 3 on the outer shelf and slope of the central Scotian margin.

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 Snow Crab (CFA 24). There is concern for impact on these species. Sipekne'katik members also participate in Food, Social and Ceremonial fishing as an Aboriginal Right.

Sincerely yours,

Chief Rufus Copage
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cc. Justin Huston, Office of Aboriginal Affairs