

<b>REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATORY DRILLING EAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR</b> <b>Engagement Activity / Meeting Notes: Regional Assessment Committee and Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick</b>			
<b>Date and Time / Duration</b>	June 26, 2019 2-4 pm		
<b>Location</b>	Wolastoqey, 150 Cliffe St., Fredericton, NB		
<b>Organization(s)</b>	Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick		
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<b>Key Questions/Issues Raised</b>	<p><b>Interested in</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indigenous involvement in groups associated with Regional Assessment (RA) for example with the Technical Advisory Group on Atlantic salmon</li> <li>Research being encouraged based on gaps in RA</li> </ol> <p><b>Concerns</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information gaps may not be apparent in a GIS format—not to be confused with no presence in an area. For example, although Atlantic salmon has not been tracked in some areas, it does not mean that they do not migrate or feed in the area. Absence of data may be interpreted as absence of the species</li> <li>Need for RA process review to evaluate conditions on a project level. Feel that proponents do bare minimum. Apprehensive but admits change is needed</li> <li>Outer Bay of Fundy Atlantic salmon (in traditional territory of Wolastoqey) critically endangered so probability of that population being tagged in a monitoring study is low (~600 estimated wild returns 2019)</li> <li>Worried that the RA could reduce the level and amount of information available for decision making</li> <li>Turtles, whales, swordfish and tuna—species that are traditionally harvested and are culturally important</li> </ol> <p><b>Information</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wolastoqey in discussions regarding Environmental Studies Research Fund Atlantic salmon study</li> <li>Indigenous Knowledge from the offshore is not as sensitive as from inland and onland</li> <li>Other expertise within Wolastoqey include GIS (Thomas Herbreteau) and fisheries biologist (Colin Curry)</li> </ol>		
<b>Follow-up / Action Items</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invitation to Technical Advisory Group from Steve Bonnell (CEA Agency) (July 2) and Wolastoqey response provided July 29.</li> <li>Gordon will verify whether the soon-to-be-released Marine Protected Areas study from Wolastoqey to DFO is public</li> </ol>		
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Virginia Crawford		