

REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATORY DRILLING EAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Session: <i>Indigenous Knowledge</i> Engagement Activity / Meeting Notes			
Date and Time / Duration	Tuesday, September 26, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. EDT		
Location	Hôtel Pur, Québec, Qc		
Participants (External)	<u>In-person:</u> Vincent Gérardin, Consultant for Première Nation des Innus de Nutashkuan Lydia Picard, Institut de développement durable des Premières Nations du Québec et du Labrador Sarah Zammit, Institut de développement durable des Premières Nations du Québec et du Labrador		
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Key Messages/Issues Raised	<p>Considerations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Terrestrial use and knowledge is much clearer than in the offshore. Best to understand knowledge from people who fish in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. 2. Marine culture for Innu includes hunting marine birds and mammals and fishing for lobster in a coastal environment. A report in the 80s studied the traditional activities of the Innu (Helene Bedard. 1987. Les Montagnais et la reserve de Betsiamites 1850-1900 [https://corpus.ulaval.ca/jspui/handle/20.500.11794/29283]). Caribou is part of Innu identity as is salmon. <p>Concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Impacts of offshore activities on salmon and fishing in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. 4. Similar concerns as others with respect to climate change and cumulative effects. 5. Limits to usefulness of assessing many projects individually. Regional Assessment can have a broader objective and effectively consider cumulative effects and determine spatial and temporal thresholds of development. 6. Scale of data used in GIS for some information layers may not be meaningful— what kind of information will be added to the GIS tool and at what scale? 7. Limited usefulness of including datapoints of corals and sponges, for example without also including foundational information like bathymetry, depth, substrate, salinity, temperature. 8. Inconsistency between federal GHG reduction policies and encouraging oil and gas development in an environment of global warming. <p>Areas of Interest:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Being advised of projects being proposed in sensitive areas and how decisions made for the projects. 10. Analysis of GIS information rather than GIS tool being only a tool to examine presence, absence and overlap. Ecological information is not sufficient for making decisions. 11. Need to have geographical framework upon which the Regional Assessment Study Area can be subdivided and managed according to for example bathymetry, 		

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	depth, geology, sensitive organisms. Result could be determining go/no go areas. 12. GIS tool should be starting point for other projects. Interested in seeing the first results.
Follow-up / Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. TAG meeting notes will be sent to participants once they have been finalized.2. Virginia Crawford to introduce participants to UINR for discussions on salmon migration3. MMR will send ESRF info to VG4. VG will discuss IK with people in Nutashkuan.5. VC circulate Innu atlas report from Institute website (http://iddpnql.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Atlas-CC_FINAL_2015.pdf --Impacts des changements climatiques sur onze Premières Nations au Québec).6. Organize meeting to view and query GIS Tool when it is further developed.
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