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1) Do you have any suggestions on available environmental datasets or other information sources that should be accessed and used in the RA, or around key data gaps?
— is a better base map available?

- FFAW Surveys ⎤ Commercial
- CFER(nl) Surveys ⎦ Fisheries / Fish & Fish Habitat.
- CPAWS Special Marine Areas — PA + other ones of significance.
→ Shape files Crab fishing ones + Shrimp Fishing Areas in addition to NAFO.

2) Do you have any suggestions around the analytical capabilities that the GIS tool should include, related to the presentation and analysis of environmental data, and/or to the potential environmental effects and required mitigation?

no. able to utilize platform to conduct analysis that meet our needs.

3) Do you have any suggestions around the nature and format of the eventual product that the Committee will develop and submit to the Minister?

- Simple design ✓
- User friendly ✓

→ Platform meets our needs for Review of EAs. some info is missing for analysis. Historical Fisheries for example. Fisheries currently closed but may re-open in need future. Consultation is important to gather that insight on these issues w/ fishing sector.

data needs to be up to date.
Historical data still impact esp. Fisheries data.

4) Do you have any suggestions on where the GIS platform should be housed, such that the system gets maintained and updated at regular intervals?

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5) Do you have any other input or recommendations that you would like to provide to the Committee on this topic?

- EBSAs are <u>not</u> a protected area. description of "special areas" needs to be revised to reflect this.
- ⊕ Should fit into NL Shelves Bioregion MSP Shape file of project area.

- really need to "test" the system out to see what needs to be added/tweeked.

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