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Multiklient Invest Labrador Offshore Seismic Program 2026–2030  
Parks Canada Answer to Request of Expertise  
Response due to: Canada–Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Energy  
Regulator

Dear Canada–Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Energy Regulator,  
I'm reaching out regarding the Labrador Offshore Seismic Program.

While Parks Canada does not possess fisheries-related expertise, we anticipate participating in this assessment as an expert department due to:

- Expertise in the establishment and management of protected areas, including National Marine Conservation Areas.

Parks Canada and partners confirmed intent to move forward with negotiations to establish a new protected area in November of 2024, within the boundary of the proposed project. However, Parks Canada's level of involvement may be reduced if the proponent changes the boundary of their project to exclude the National Marine Conservation Area.

Please find below additional responses to your questions. Let us know if further clarification or input is required. We look forward to continuing collaboration on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by:*

Lori Macadam,  
Director, National Marine Conservation Area Establishment, Parks Canada

## 1. Mandate and Areas of Expertise

Parks Canada's mandate is to protect and present nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage through the stewardship of protected heritage places.

The Study Area/Project Area, including the 20 km buffer zone, fully overlaps with the proposed footprint of the Torngat Area of Interest Inuit Protected Area/national marine conservation area (NMCA) (see attached map).

Relevant information on the process to establish an NMCA is available at: <https://parks.canada.ca/amnc-nmca/cnamnc-cnnmca/torngat/proteger-protect>

## 2. Regulatory Authorities

- Parks Canada, in collaboration with our Inuit partners the Nunatsiavut Government and Makivvik, is working toward finalizing an Establishment Agreement and associated Impact and Benefit Agreements for the Inuit Protected Area/NMCA by spring 2026. This agreement will define the final boundary and enable interim protection measures for the MPA (marine protected area).
- Parks Canada does not currently hold a regulatory role in this project because the Torngat Area of Interest Inuit Protected Area/NMCA has not yet been formally established.
- Under the [Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act](#) and [Parks Canada's Directive](#) on the Management of NMCAs, the exploration and exploitation of oil, gas, minerals, and aggregates are prohibited in all established NMCAs and NMCARs.
- Relevant information on the management of the NMCAs is available at: <https://parks.canada.ca/amnc-nmca/gestion-management>

## 3. Expert Information or Knowledge

Parks Canada expects to contribute expert input to this assessment based on:

- The Torngat Area of Interest Inuit Protected Area/NMCA establishment process.
- The anticipated implementation of the *Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act* and NMCA Directive on Management following establishment.

## 4. Comments on Draft Project Description and EA Scoping Document

Project Description:

- **Section 1.1 – Relevant Legislation and Regulatory Approvals:**  
Please include the *Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act*.
- **Section 3.4 – Consultations:**  
Please add *Parks Canada* and *Makivvik* to the list of consulted parties.

EA Scoping Document:

- **Section 5.1.1 – Spatial Boundaries:**  
Please identify areas where seismic activities are prohibited.
- **Section 5.2.8 – Sensitive Areas:**
  - Include the Torngat Area of Interest Inuit Protected Area/NMCA.
  - Recommend avoidance of sensitive areas as a mitigation measure for potential adverse effects.

**5. Contacts**

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## Appendix: Boundary map for the Torngat-AOI with MKI Study Area

