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Multiklient Invest Labrador Offshore Seismic Program 2026-2030

On July 22, 2025, Multiklient Invest AS (MKI) (the Proponent) submitted to the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Energy Regulator (C-NLOER), a project description for proposed seismic surveys offshore Labrador within the 2026-2030 timeframe. The C-NLOER has determined that the Project would require an authorization pursuant to Section 138(1)(a) of the *Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation and Offshore Renewable Energy Management Act* and Section 134(1)(a) of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act*.

The attached project description outlines the activities proposed for the program. Also attached is a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Scoping Document.

The C-NLOER has determined that your department may be in the possession of environmental or fishery related experts that are required in the completion of this assessment.

Pursuant to the Accord Acts, this letter seeks to: identify the departments or agencies that may have relevant expertise and establish the parties that will participate as reviewers through the EA process; set a timetable for conducting the EA; and seek comments on the attached draft EA scoping document.

Timing of Assessment

The C-NLOER requests that the determination be carried out in as timely a manner as possible, and proposes the following schedule:

Expertise Request	Response by September 5, 2025
Review of EA Report	Response approximately 6 weeks after receipt of document.
Review of revised EA or addendum, if required	Response approximately 2 weeks after receipt of document.
Preparation of EA determination	3 weeks for completion (may commence during review of final EA or addendum); includes review of all drafts.

Pursuant to the Accord Acts, the C-NLOER requests that you review the attached information to determine whether your department or agency is in possession of relevant specialist or expert information or knowledge for this EA and provide a response by September 5, 2025. If it is determined that your department or agency does have relevant specialist or expert information or knowledge please advise the C-NLOER of the nature of that information or knowledge and identify the appropriate contact person for future communication about this EA.

If no response is received by September 5, 2025, the C-NLOER will assume that your department or agency will not participate further as reviewers for this EA.

Species at Risk – Section 79(1) Notification of Competent Minister

Pursuant to Section 79(1) of the *Species at Risk Act (SARA)*, the C-NLOER hereby informs the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (the Competent Ministers) that the following Schedule 1 species are likely to be in the project area under the jurisdiction of the C-NLOER. A determination of the likelihood of adverse effects on those species will be undertaken during the determination process.

- Endangered:
 - Turtle, Leatherback Sea (*Dermochelys coriacea*)
 - Turtle, Loggerhead Sea (*Caretta caretta*)
 - Whale, Blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*) – Atlantic population
 - Whale, North Atlantic Right (*Eubalaena glacialis*)
 - Gull, Ivory (*Pagophila eburnea*)
 - Shark, White (*Carcharodon carcharias*)
 - Whale, Northern Bottlenose (*Hyperoodon ampullatus*) - Scotian Shelf population
- Threatened:
 - Gull, Ross's (*Rhodostethia rosea*)
 - Wolffish, Northern (*Anarhichas denticulatus*)
 - Wolffish, Spotted (*Anarhichas minor*)
- Special Concern:
 - Wolffish, Atlantic (*Anarhichas lupus*)
 - Whale, Bowhead (*Balaena mysticetus*)
 - Whale, Fin (*Balaenoptera physalus*) – Atlantic population
 - Whale, Sowerby's beaked (*Mesoplodon bidens*)

If you have any questions on the attached, or wish to discuss the above, please contact Melissa Moss at 709-778-1455 or via email at mmoss@cnlopb.ca.

Thank you,

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