

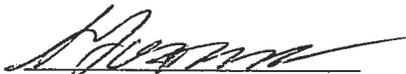
established. To ensure this minimum safe distance, the Fisheries Liaison Officer (as suggested in section 5.2) should communicate the location of the fixed gear fishing areas to the survey vessel.

Section 5.2 also states that "*a Fisheries Liaison Officer will maintain communication with all fishing vessels near the vicinity of the seismic survey*". This statement lacks a definition of "near the vicinity". We suggest that this measure be clarified.

In addition, we insist that this mitigation measure be expanded to include mention of a daily email sent to the four quota holders of daily vessel location and planned tracks from the Fisheries Liaison Officer. This form of communication was acknowledged as necessary by MKI in the National Energy Board response to comments dated 23 February 2012 (p.16).

Finally, section 5.2 states the "*the seismic activity will not take place near any native harvest area*". We request that this statement be clarified, particularly with respect to the phrase "*native harvest area*". How will these areas be identified? What is the defined minimum safe distance?

We trust that the above comments and questions are helpful and will be taken into account in the development and implementation of environmental protections and mitigation measures for the proposed seismic survey.



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