



Scotian Basin Exploration Drilling Project

FISHERIES COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

BP Canada Energy Group ULC

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Scope and Objectives

BP is required to demonstrate readiness for its Scotian Basin Exploration Drilling Project operations (the “Project”), including emergency preparedness and response. A key part of this readiness is developing Indigenous and stakeholder’s fisheries (operational and emergency response) communications plans¹ that explain how BP will communicate with the Indigenous groups in Atlantic Canada, and local (NS) fisheries stakeholders, during routine operations and in the unlikely event of an emergency or other incident. The scope of this plan applies to Project operations.

In order for this Fisheries Communications Plan to be effective, contact information must be accurate and updated as applicable. BP is working with fisheries stakeholders to obtain contact information and requires fisheries stakeholders to notify BP if there are any changes during the course of the Project. Specific contact information for organizations and individuals identified in this Plan is maintained in a separate document to maintain confidentiality.

BP will include company contact information in all correspondence to help facilitate two-way communication and encourage information sharing and early communication of potential issues or concerns identified by fisheries stakeholders.

Participants

BP has assembled a comprehensive database of associations representing fish harvesters who may potentially be fishing on the Scotian Shelf and Slope (including inshore waters), as well as Nova Scotia seafood producer associations and the Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia (collectively referred to as “fisheries stakeholders” in this Plan). This database will be kept confidential and contact information is not shared outside of BP’s organization or used for any other purpose than for stakeholder engagement.

These fisheries stakeholders will receive operational and emergency response communications as outlined in this Plan. General engagement with fisheries stakeholders will continue to be primarily focused on meetings with the Fisheries Advisory Committee of the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) although BP is willing to meet with other fisheries associations upon request.

¹ There is a separate Indigenous Fisheries Communications Plan.

General Engagement

BP will continue to meet with the Fisheries Advisory Committee on an ongoing basis throughout the life of the Project to discuss: Project updates; potential fisheries interactions with the Project and appropriate avoidance/mitigation relevant to fishing concerns; potential environmental effects and outcomes of environmental monitoring; and any material incidents. BP will meet with other fisheries stakeholders who may not be represented by the Fisheries Advisory Committee upon request.

Operational Communications

BP will provide fisheries stakeholders with regular operational information updates via e-mail on a bi-weekly basis. These biweekly updates will begin with the mobilization of the drilling rig and continue to two weeks after rig demobilization. Bi-weekly updates will include information such as: location of rig and safety zone, and key operational activities, highlighting any changes in activity since the previous update. These communications will be in addition to Notices to Mariners publications which will include information about BP's rig location and safety zone and be updated as applicable.

Emergency Response Communications

In the unlikely event of a Tier 2 or Tier 3² incident or spill, communications will be handled through BP's Incident Command System. BP will immediately notify designated contacts by telephone and provide emergency information updates (bulletin) every 24 hours or as new information becomes available via email. The update bulletin will be clearly identified with BP's logo. Questions and concerns from fisheries stakeholders will be directed to BP's Community Relations Advisor for follow up and response back to fisheries stakeholders.

Information to be included in the Emergency Information Update Bulletin:

- Situational/event overview
- Location of event
- Timing of event
- Actions currently underway
- Any known restrictions or Health, Safety and Environmental considerations
- Any expected impacts to fisheries
- Next scheduled update
- Contact information for the designated BP representative

² Tier 1 spills are operational in nature occurring at or near an operator's own facilities, as a consequence of its own activities. The individual operator is expected to respond with their own resources. Tier 2 spills are most likely to extend outside the remit of the Tier 1 response area and possibly be larger in size, where additional resources are needed from a variety of potential sources and a broader range of stakeholders may be involved in the response. Tier 3 spills are those that, due to their scale and likelihood to cause major impacts, call for substantial further resources from a range of national and international sources (International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association).