



Scotian Basin Exploration Drilling Project

INDIGENOUS FISHERIES COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

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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 Indigenous¹ and stakeholder’s fisheries (operational and emergency response) communications plans² that explain how BP will communicate with the Indigenous groups in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island (PEI), and Newfoundland and Labrador, 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 and does not include ongoing engagement occurring as part of the planning phase.

During engagement conducted by BP over the course of the federal environmental assessment (“**EA**”) process under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (“**CEAA 2012**”), First Nations specifically requested involvement in the development of the communications plan. This Plan reflects feedback that BP has obtained while sharing the contents with First Nation organizations.

In order for this Communications Plan to be effective, contact information must be accurate and updated as applicable. BP will work with First Nations to obtain contact information and requires First Nations 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. 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 Indigenous groups and fisheries stakeholders.

Participants³

The Mi’kmaq of Nova Scotia

The Mi’kmaq of Nova Scotia have recognized and asserted rights offshore of Nova Scotia, and therefore are one of BP’s important engagement communities for the Project. The Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi’kmaq Chiefs (ANSMC) is the elected body that represents the collective interests of the 13 Mi’kmaq communities. The Kwilmu’kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO) provides administrative support to the ANSMC for negotiations and consultation. Sipekne’katik and Millbrook First Nations are members of the ANSMC but choose to represent themselves in consultation rather than being

¹ BP is including the Mi’kmaq of Nova Scotia, Native Council of Nova Scotia, Wolastoqey and Mi’kmaq of New Brunswick, Abegweit First Nation & Lennox Island First Nation of PEI in its communications plan.

² There is a separate Stakeholder Fisheries Communications Plan.

³ For the purposes of this document, the term “First Nations” will be used when referring to all the Indigenous groups in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, PEI, and Newfoundland.

represented by the KMKNO. The Native Council of Nova Scotia (NCNS) represents off-reserve Mi'kmaq and other Indigenous peoples in Nova Scotia.

All Mi'kmaq communities in Nova Scotia have rights to fish for food, social and ceremonial purposes, and all of them hold commercial communal licences for several species – some of which are fished near the Project area as defined by BP's Exploration Licences. In some Mi'kmaq communities, fishing accounts for more than 50% of overall nongovernmental revenue of community's income, and can reach as high as 90%.

First Nations in New Brunswick

During the EA process for the Project, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) required engagement of several New Brunswick Wolastoqey and Mi'kmaq First Nation communities, as represented by the Wolastoqey Nation of New Brunswick (WNNB) and Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn Incorporated (MTI).

First Nations in PEI and Newfoundland

During the EA process for the Project, the CEA Agency required the Abegweit First Nation, Lennox Island First Nation, and Conne River (Miawpukek First Nation) be engaged to allow their views to be heard and recorded.

List of main participants:⁴

Nova Scotia

The Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs (ANSMC)
Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO)
Sipekne'katik First Nation
Millbrook First Nation
Native Council of Nova Scotia
Mi'kmaq Conservation Group (Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq)
Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources
Eskasoni Fish and Wildlife Commission
Atlantic Policy Congress

New Brunswick

Wolastoqey Nation of New Brunswick

- St. Mary's First Nation
- Kingsclear First Nation
- Oromocto First Nation
- Tobique First Nation
- Madawaska First Nation

Woodstock First Nation

Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn Incorporated (MTI)

⁴ All contact information is contained in a separate excel file.

PEI

Abegweit First Nation
Lennox Island First Nation

General Engagement

BP will continue to meet with the Indigenous communities listed above on an ongoing basis throughout the life of the Project, including endeavoring to attend the following:

- Annual Leader's Meeting if requested;
- Quarterly information meetings, as needed; and
- Workshops or other fora, as needed or requested.

The content of meetings may include the following:

- Project updates;
- Discussion of appropriate avoidance/mitigation relevant to fishing concerns;
- Any potential fisheries interactions with the Project that are identified;
- Potential environmental impacts and outcomes of environmental monitoring;
- Any material incidents;
- Training and employment opportunities;
- Contracting and procurement opportunities.

Operational Communications: Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia

BP will provide the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia with regular operational information updates via e-mail on a bi-weekly basis. The bi-weekly operational information updates will be sent to the KMKNO. KMKNO is responsible for disseminating the operational information updates to Mi'kmaq communities and organizations.

A separate e-mail with the same content will be sent to the Consultation Liaison at Sipekne'katik First Nation and Millbrook First Nation.

In addition, BP will provide a monthly summary update to the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs.

Summary of Operational Communications:

NOTIFICATION	TIMING	FREQUENCY	DISTRIBUTION
Mobilization (commencement of rig move)	Two weeks prior to start	One-time report to communicate activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KMKNO • Sipekne'katik FN • Millbrook FN
Drilling operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • activities • location • safety zone • visible and auditory indicators (i.e. flaring, ROV activation, blow-out preventer installation, etc.) 	Commencement of drilling	Bi-weekly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KMKNO • Sipekne'katik FN • Millbrook FN
		Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chief (cc: KMKNO)
Demobilization of the rig	Two weeks after rig demobilization	Report at conclusion of project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KMKNO • Sipekne'katik FN • Millbrook FN

Emergency Response Communications: Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia

In the unlikely event of a Tier 2 or Tier 3⁵ incident or spill:

1. BP will immediately notify by telephone:
 - The Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs indirectly by contacting directly the KMKNO
 - Sipekne'katik FN;
 - Millbrook FN;
 - Native Council of Nova Scotia;
 - Mi'kmaq Conservation Group;
 - Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources;
 - Eskasoni Fish and Wildlife commission; and
 - Atlantic Policy Congress.

2. BP will provide emergency information updates (bulletin) every 24 hours, or as new information becomes available via email to the:
 - KMKNO;
 - Sipekne'katik FN;
 - Millbrook FN;
 - Native Council of Nova Scotia;
 - Mi'kmaq Conservation Group;
 - Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources;
 - Eskasoni Fish and Wildlife commission; and
 - Atlantic Policy Congress
 - BP's Community Relations Advisor (to address any follow up requirements).

⁵ 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).

The KMKNO has confirmed to BP that the KMKNO will distribute the bulletin to the Mi'kmaq leadership, with a copy to the BP's Community Relations Advisor. This distribution chain will be the responsibility of the KMKNO due to potential changes in contact information.

The KMKNO will field keep a record of questions or concerns from membership and forward these to BP's Community Relations Advisor for follow up and response. In all correspondence to KMKNO citizens questions or concerns, BP will include KMKNO.

The update bulletin will be clearly identified with BP's logo.

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

Operational Communications: Wolastoqey Nation of New Brunswick (WNNB), Woodstock FN, Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn Incorporated (MTI), and First Nations in PEI

BP will provide New Brunswick, and PEI First Nations with regular operational information updates via e-mail on a bi-weekly basis. The bi-weekly operational information updates will be sent to the:

- St. Mary's FN;
- Woodstock FN;
- Kingsclear FN;
- Oromocto FN;
- Tobique FN;
- Madawaska FN;
- MTI; and
- First Nations in PEI upon request and provision of contact information.

Type/Timing of Communication:

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