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**Subject:** RE: WesternGeco Acoustical and Biological Research TestProgram

Thanks Zoe.

I just saw the fax sent by the Review Board on the SRRB's comments on the seismic program that is currently before the Review Board. Hopefully, the research test program will answer most of the outstanding questions, one way or another.

Regards

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Thanks John,

I would like to add, I just received a fax from the MVIERB - we've probably all seen the content by now - the Sahtu are not happy with consultation efforts, nor the idea of the program in general. Their support for the test program is encouraging, but I guess this fax illustrates the complicatedness of ensuring that adequate consultation

IS taking place from all perspectives.

Thank you for answering my questions so promptly. I look forward to receiving the additional information on Monday. Have a great Weekend.

Zoë :)

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Subject: RE: WesternGeco Acoustical and Biological Research Test Program

Zoe, typically, the NEB requires that the proponent undertake a consultation program and provide the NEB with the results. W.Geco has provided a letter for that. Also, W.Geco has completed its consultation

for the Aurora Research Permit and now that the communities have signed-off, expects to have the Permit within a day or two. Your understanding and mine for the requirements for getting an Aurora research permit seems to be the same. As W.Geco has been actively consulting with regards to this Research Test Program for several weeks, it has managed to address concerns and get the signatures it needs.

Marty, please confirm this for Zoe and let us know if there any other consultation aspects that you'd like to add.

Pete or Bruce - anything to add?

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Hi John,

Is the NEB requesting any consultation with the First Nations groups?

Do you know if DFO has? I am wondering if test programs (that are now separate from the actual program) also need specific consultation before a final decision is made? My understanding of RWED research permits is

that to fulfill the "consultation" element, letters from the affected First Nations must be received and submitted by the proponent - thereby

lengthening the approval process.

I am just looking to increase my understanding of the role consultation

plays in the permitting process. It seems there are many differing processes out there that employ many different interpretations of consultation.

Any information you could provide me would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,  
Zoë

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Subject: WesternGeco Acoustical and Biological Research Test Program

WesternGeco has applied today to the NEB for an approval pursuant to paragraph 5(1)(b) of the Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act for a Research Test Program.

Please find attached:

- NEB's notification and preliminary screening exemption for the subject research test program, and
- IMG-Golder's "Acoustical and Biological Test for the Mackenzie River/Delta"

A signed copy of NEB's letter, WesternGeco's application (including the above IMG-Golder report), and WesternGeco's letter regarding consultation will be forwarded by facsimile on Monday morning.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding this.

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