



Qalipu
FIRST NATION

Bay du Nord Development Project
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
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SUBJECT: Qalipu First Nation Comments on the Bay du Nord Development Project's Draft EA Report and Potential EA Conditions.

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to provide comments on the Draft EA Report and potential federal EA conditions for the Bay du Nord Development Project.

Qalipu First Nation (QFN) represents approximately 24,000 registered members in Newfoundland and abroad and is made up of 67 traditional Mi'kmaq communities across Newfoundland. As a band, we provide core programs and services to our members, including Natural Resources Management. Specific to the Proposed Bay du Nord Development Project, QFN and affiliates maintain fishing licenses overlapping the Project area.

Based on our knowledge of the Project, QFN supports the Draft EA Report and potential EA conditions provided by the Agency. In doing so, we hope to see safe practice and regulations enforced on the Proponent to maintain and increase environmental protections and reduce the likelihood of adverse effects. In the event of an incident, QFN would like to see better information sharing. The public should remain informed throughout any spill response to ensure the Proponent is following proper protocol. Better transparency is imperative in these large-scale projects, and we expect to be frequently informed by the Proponent in the event of any accidents or malfunctions.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Chief Brendan Mitchell