



The Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Comments on the follow-up to NIRB's Final Report and Recommendations for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait.

Concerning the request for input into the Final Report and Recommendations for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait, the Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture (APNN) has the following comments:

In relation to offshore oil and gas development activities in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait addressed in the final board recommendations, APNN wish to put emphasis on the increased risk of spillage and the potential subsequent damage to the surrounding marine environment that such activities pose. Safety precautions are needed to prevent accidents such as oil and gas spillage. Greenland's most important occupation is fishing, and fishing and hunting are both major contributors to the subsistence use of marine resources. In this context, APNN finds the SEA recommendations positive and supports any transboundary effects assessments.

Finally, it should be underlined that oil, gas spillage and noise pollution have and can have very essential impact on our living resources in general as well as on specific wild animals, and therefore it is not acceptable if the SEA activities in BB, and DS include compromising levels of noise.

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