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Re: CNSOPB Call for Bids NS18-3

Mr. Pinks,

I write in response to your letter notifying KMKNO of CNSOPB Call for Bids NS18-3.

The Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia have a general interest in lands and resources in Nova Scotia and in the offshore as the Mi'kmaq Nation has never surrendered, ceded, or sold title to any of its lands in Nova Scotia. We continue to fish for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. We also engage in commercial fisheries through Aboriginal communal commercial licences to support our families and communities. Consequently, any legislation, regulation, policy or guideline, or project which affects marine areas, fish, fish habitat, or the fisheries is of concern to us. Nova Scotia and Canada are aware of and acknowledge the title and rights claims of the Mi'kmaq and that any potential impacts to rights and title are subject to the duty to consult.

Within the proposed Call for Bids NS18-3 boundaries, the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia have multiple lucrative snow crab and shrimp licenses. The Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia also fish a variety of species for food, social and ceremonial purposes. If this Call for Bids NS18-3 impedes any access to our Mi'kmaq fisheries or impacts Mi'kmaq rights, compensation will be required.

Yours in Recognition of Mi'kmaq Rights and Title,

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