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# Summary of the Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee on Science and Knowledge - June 9, 2020

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## Virtual Meeting

## Meeting Objectives

The three main objectives of the June 9 meeting were to: 1) Determine 2 to 3 priorities and deliverables for the committee to focus on over the next year; 2) Identify a research contract that could advance a Committee priority; and 3) Lay out the next steps, topics and timelines for collaborating with the Indigenous Advisory Committee.

These discussions were preceded by an update by the Agency and followed by a brief discussion of follow-up actions to be taken.

## Agenda Item: Brief Remarks from the Agency

- An Agency official provided an update to the Committee on three topics: strategic assessment, scoping, and follow-up, which were discussed at the Committee's March 3-4, 2020 meeting.
- The Agency's ex-officio member provided an update on the Regulations Respecting Excluded Physical Activities (Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Exploratory Wells).

## **Agenda Item: Committee Priorities**

- The co-chairs led a discussion on deciding the committee's priorities for fiscal year 2020-21.
- The committee agreed that it would focus on 2 – 4 strategic priorities. A key consideration in selecting priorities would be that they respond to Agency needs, in areas where the Committee can provide the most value.
- A subcommittee is to be established to further articulate potential priorities, which would then be confirmed or adjusted by the full TAC.

## **Agenda Item: Research Contract**

- The co-chairs led a discussion on deciding whether the Committee would issue a research contract to support its work for 2020-21 and the potential topic the contract would address.
- The Committee agreed that the strategic priorities for 2020-21 would first need to be decided, before the topic for any research contract could be determined.

## **Agenda Item: Collaboration with the Indigenous Advisory Committee**

- The Committee agreed to hold two joint meetings with the Indigenous Advisory Committee over the summer to promote cross fertilization of the committees' work and determine joint areas of interest.

## **Decisions Made**

- The Agency will provide further detail on how Committee input is incorporated into products.
- The Committee will focus on 2 – 4 priorities for 2020-21.

- The Committee will decide its priorities before deciding on any supporting research contract.
- The Committee is aiming to hold two virtual joint meetings with the Indigenous Advisory Committee over the summer.

## **Attendees**

### **Co-Chairs**

Kevin Hanna

Darcy Pickard

### **Committee Members**

Alistair MacDonald

Bill Ross

Colin Webster

Gillian Donald

Glennis Lewis

Helga Shield

Marie Lagimodiere

Mark Shrimpton

Meinhard Doelle

Michel Bérubé

### **Regrets**

Hugo Mailhot Couture

## **Impact Assessment Agency of Canada**

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