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Subject: Whites Point Quarry - Possible Test Blast

Hi Phil,

From our discussions I understand, if test blasting is deemed to be necessary (based on science expert opinion), then the information gained from the test blast will be used in the EIS in order to provide further information with respect to the possible effects of blasting on marine mammals.

According to Michel Bourgon (Chief, EA Operational Policy), a similar situation existed with the Goose Bay low level flying Panel Review. In that case, the Panel, supported by Health Canada, indicated a need for more information/data with respect to the effects of an actual low level flight and recommended a test flight, during the review, in order to measure noise levels etc. Apparently the rationale for the test flight was presented to the Panel, the Panel concurred and also coordinated the PR communications with respect to the test flight. In fact, Panel members and members of a technical review committee (advising the Panel) decided to participate in the test flight so that they could get an idea of what the noise level was like.

Based on the fact that the test blast is related to the Project currently under review and that the Whites Point Quarry Panel is directing the joint Fed-Prov review of the Project, it would be advisable to obtain the Panels concurrence prior to any test blast. The Panels concurrence would also facilitate communications with the public, such that, the Panel could then relay to the public the importance of the test blast information for the completion of the EIS.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Stuart