



Media Statement

Nalcor Energy responds to questions raised about the Environmental Impact Statement for the Labrador-Island Transmission Link

May 23, 2012, St. John's, NL - Nalcor Energy is providing accurate information about the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Labrador-Island Transmission Link.

Nalcor has not used information from Texas Oil & Gas Exploration Manuals as was stated by Conseil des Innu de Ekuanitshit (Ekuanitshit) in a news release on May 22, 2012. The information prepared for both publications was written by the same consultant who has expertise in the fields of marine fish and fish habitat, and environmental assessment. The consultant is based in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The EIS for the Labrador-Island Transmission Link concludes and clearly states, there is no likely significant effect on salmon in the Strait of Belle Isle, and by extension there would be no likely significant effect on salmon in any other areas or on fishing activities by any specific group, including the community of Ekuanitshit.

All EIS Guidelines for the Labrador-Island Transmission Link issued by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) and the Provincial Department of Environment and Conservation have been addressed by Nalcor. Ekuanitshit has a misconception that CEAA has provided subsequent direction beyond these Guidelines concerning the Project's direct and indirect effects on fishing by Ekuanitshit. This is not the case.

Earlier this month, Nalcor arranged a meeting with Ekuanitshit to provide an update on the EIS for the Labrador-Island Transmission Link. Nalcor is holding a meeting with the Ekuanitshit Band Council followed by a general public meeting in the community on Thursday, May 24, 2012.

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