Ephesus Prospect ROV Survey

Environmental Assessment Update

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List of Acronyms

Accord Acts	*Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Act* and *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act*
ATL	Atlantic Towing Limited
BP	BP Canada Energy Group ULC
C-NLOPB	Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board
COSEWIC	Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
DFO	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
EA	Environmental Assessment
EBSA	Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas
EL	Exploration Licence
FSC	Food, Social, or Ceremonial
NAFO	Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization
NL	Newfoundland and Labrador
the Project	Ephesus Prospect ROV Survey
ROV	Remotely Operated Vehicle
SARA	*Species at Risk Act*

1 Introduction

BP Canada Energy Group ULC (BP) is proposing to conduct an exploration drilling program on Exploration Licences (ELs) 1145, 1146, and 1148 (EL 1149 has been relinquished) in the Orphan Basin offshore Newfoundland and Labrador (NL), with an initial well planned for 2023. To characterize benthic conditions and support planning and mitigation of the drilling program, BP is planning a visual survey of the seafloor using a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) at potential drilling locations within EL 1145 in 2022 (Ephesus Prospect ROV Survey; the Project). A separate EA, titled BP Canada Energy Group ULC Newfoundland Orphan Basin Exploration Drilling Program (Reference Number 80147) has been completed for the drilling program and a separate Operations Authorization will be in place for BP's proposed exploration drilling program.

The Project will require an authorization as an environmental program from the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) pursuant to section 138 of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Act* and section 134 of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act* (the Accord Acts). An EA of the Project has been completed under the Accord Acts, with a letter of determination issued by the C-NLOPB on June 5, 2019, indicating that the Environmental Impact Statement was accepted by the C-NLOPB.

This document is an update of the accepted EA, which is being submitted as supporting documentation to BP's application for an Environmental Program Authorization. This EA update has been prepared in accordance with section 5.1.1 of the *Geophysical, Geological, Environmental and Geotechnical Guidelines* (C-NLOPB 2019).

2 Program Description

2.1 Program Objectives

BP is proposing to conduct an ROV video survey of the seafloor at potential drilling locations within EL 1145 to confirm the presence/absence of sensitive biological communities (corals and sponges) to inform wellsite planning and mitigation measures for future proposed exploration drilling in West Orphan Basin. EL 1145 is located within the Northeast Newfoundland Slope Closure marine refuge, which was designated as a fisheries closure in December 2017 to protect corals and sponges from bottom-contact fishing. BP has committed to gathering baseline benthic data at each prospective wellsite prior to spudding the well to understand potential site sensitivities and opportunities for reducing potential adverse environmental effects on corals and sponges.

In order to characterize the benthic environment and inform well planning and mitigation for the proposed drilling program that is scheduled to commence with an initial well in 2023 pending authorization, BP is proposing to conduct an ROV video survey in 2022. Video data collected during the ROV survey would be used to improve an understanding of benthic conditions in the area and inform discussions with the C-NLOPB and DFO around well planning and mitigation for future exploration drilling.

2.2 Program Location

Figure 2.1 shows the location of BP's exploration licences in the Newfoundland Offshore Area within which the survey would be conducted. Coordinates for the Project, Study and Program Areas are provided in Table 2.1. Although an environmental assessment was conducted which considered a Project Area encompassing ELs 1145, 1146 and 1148, BP is currently planning to conduct the ROV survey at various locations within an approximately 2 km by 2 km area on EL 1145 in 2022 (see inset in Figure 2.1).

Table 2.1 Project, Study and Program Area Coordinates

WGS 84		NAD83 UTM ZONE22N	
X	**Y**	**X**	**Y**
EL 1145			
50° 8' 56.147" W	50° 41' 59.782" N	560103.1846	5616803.318
49° 49' 26.133" W	50° 41' 59.737" N	583054.6569	5617116.165
49° 49' 26.119" W	50° 46' 59.731" N	582907.6413	5626382.154
49° 34' 26.109" W	50° 46' 59.718" N	600530.9452	5626691.874
49° 34' 26.139" W	50° 31' 59.721" N	601065.5559	5598894.312
49° 31' 26.135" W	50° 31' 59.599" N	604609.054	5598959.852
49° 31' 26.136" W	50° 29' 59.595" N	604682.7346	5595253.476
49° 28' 26.133" W	50° 29' 59.590" N	608228.6342	5595325.013
49° 28' 26.137" W	50° 27' 59.592" N	608304.7243	5591618.864
49° 26' 56.135" W	50° 27' 59.657" N	610078.8697	5591657.638
49° 26' 56.152" W	50° 18' 59.659" N	610426.4625	5574980.007
49° 31' 26.157" W	50° 18' 59.599" N	605087.0801	5574869.57
49° 31' 26.160" W	50° 15' 59.599" N	605197.2239	5569310.408
50° 8' 56.202" W	50° 15' 59.800" N	560654.2526	5568620.87
Study Area			
50° 13' 57.351" W	50° 50' 24.419" N	554032.9	5632326
48° 24' 33.121" W	50° 48' 49.928" N	682509.3	5632326
48° 26' 24.257" W	49° 46' 58.603" N	684277.1	5517642
50° 11' 54.353" W	49° 47' 14.541" N	557698.7	5515298
Program Area			
49° 45' 21.445" W	50° 33' 47.304" N	588109.8417	5601985.054
49° 43' 53.105" W	50° 33' 46.354" N	589848.2742	5601985.135
49° 43' 54.610" W	50° 32' 50.269" N	589848.2827	5600252.4
49° 45' 22.921" W	50° 32' 51.223" N	588109.8422	5600252.445

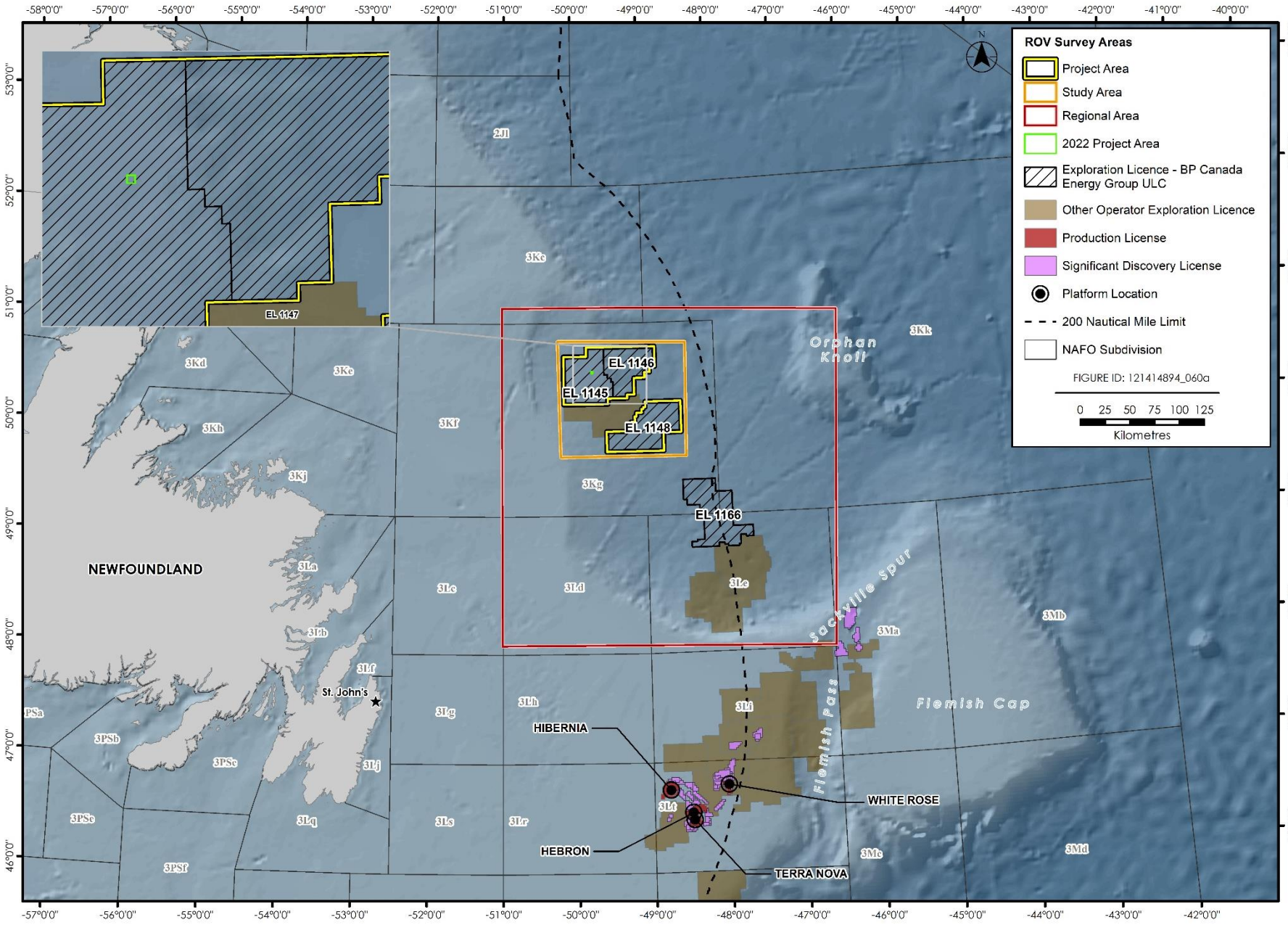


Figure 2.1 Location of Project Area for Ephesus Prospect ROV Survey (EL 1145)

2.3 Execution Schedule

The Ephesus Prospect ROV Survey is planned to be conducted between June and July 2022 pending authorization from the C-NLOPB. It is estimated that the survey would take 7 to 10 days to complete, longer if physical environment conditions or mechanical/technical issues cause delays. The current schedule reflects the vessel departing for the field in mid-June.

2.4 Program Components and Activities

BP has selected Atlantic Towing Limited (ATL) to conduct the ROV survey. ATL will mobilize a WROV system from Oceaneering on the vessel *M/V Atlantic Condor*. This will be partnered with the existing survey systems from Utec that worked onboard the *M/V Atlantic Condor* through 2021. RPS Group will provide local environmental planning and personnel.

Once the vessel has arrived at the pre-determined survey location, it will use dynamic positioning to remain on station during the ROV survey. The ROV will be lowered into the water from the survey vessel and will be operated from the survey vessel by a qualified ROV operator. The ROV survey line plan has been accepted by C-NLOPB and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).

2.5 Logistics and Personnel

BP has selected ATL to supply the survey vessel and conduct the ROV survey. The total persons on board is estimated to be 26, including vessel crew, survey personnel, marine biologists, and marine mammal and seabird observers. There are no BP representatives planned for offshore.

The vessel will be mobilized from an existing shore base in the St. John's region. Given the length of the ROV survey (7 to 10 days), it is expected to be completed in a single mobilization, the only exceptions being physical environment or mechanical/technical factors.

3 Environmental Aspects

This section addresses the environmental aspects associated with the activities outlined in Section 2. The original EA provided an overview of the existing physical, biological, and socio-economic environment within the Regional Area. The following sections provide updated applicable information for the following key environmental components:

- Fisheries and Other Ocean Users
- Species at Risk
- Sensitive Areas

3.1 Fisheries and Other Ocean Users

The Project Area and Study Area are both contained within Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) Unit Area 3Kg. The larger Regional Area encompasses 3Kg, 3Ld, 3Le, and a portion of 3Kk. DFO maintains jurisdiction over commercial fish species within Canada's 200 nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone and sedentary species that occur across the extent of Canada's continental shelf. Outside of the Exclusive Economic Zone, NAFO holds jurisdiction over

commercial fishing activity for several species and manages the conservation of other environmental features like corals and sponges.

Table 3.1 displays landings weight between 2016 and 2020. Figure 3.1 illustrates the pattern of commercial fishing activity in the Regional Area for the months of May to October between 2016 to 2020 based on domestic (i.e., Canadian) geospatial catch data as obtained from DFO with respect to Project Area. With the exception of a moratorium on northern shrimp, this pattern of activity is consistent with that documented in the previously accepted EA (BP 2019) (i.e., within the Regional Area, domestic commercial fishing activity is focused primarily on groundfish species, along with snow crab). Figures 3.2 and 3.3 show the harvesting locations for fixed gear and mobile gear, respectively, during the same period.

Table 3.1 Offshore Harvest by Species within NAFO Unit Areas 3Kg, 3Ld, 3Le, and 3Kk, 2016 to 2020, Annual Weight (t)

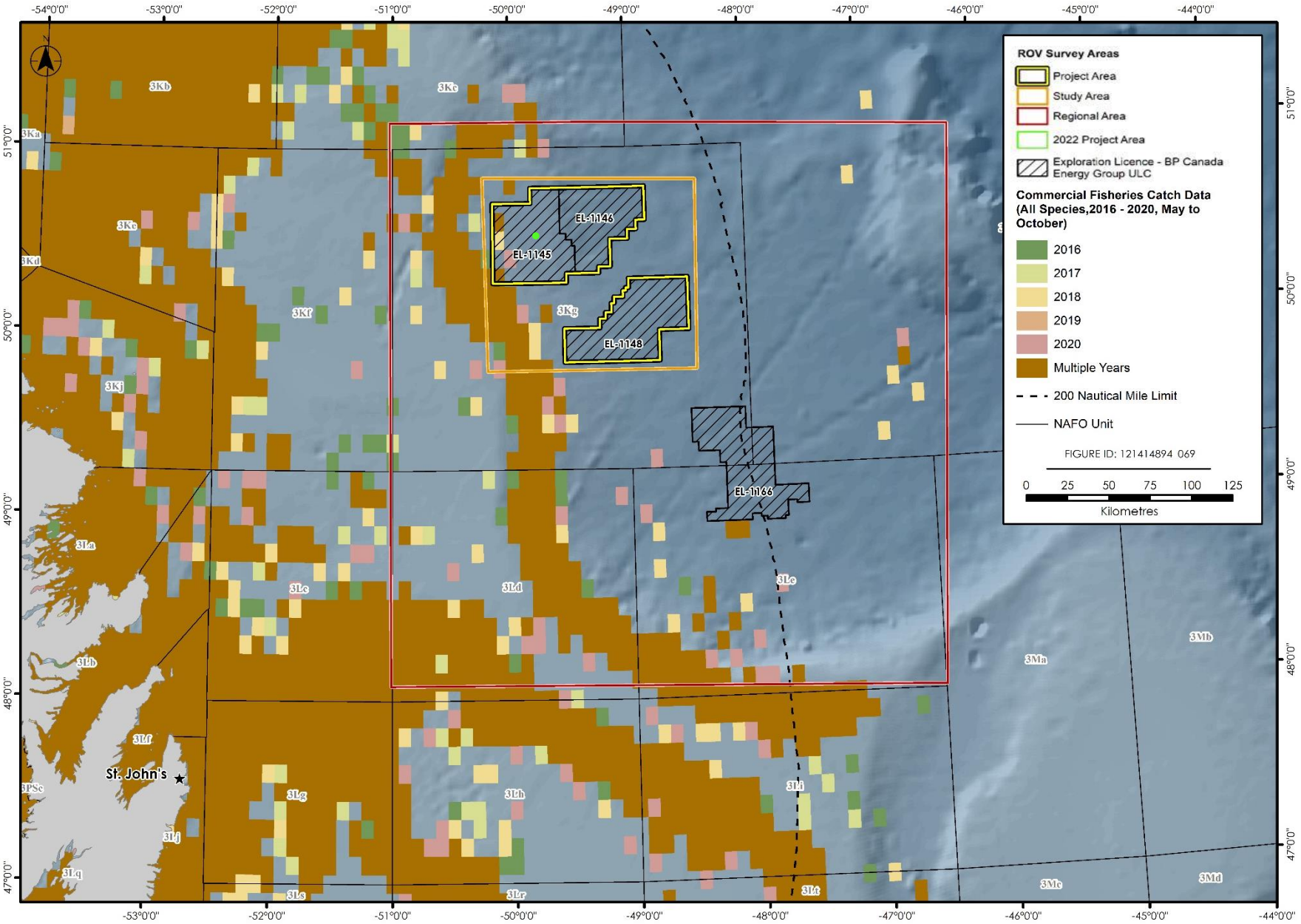
Species	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	Percent of Total
Turbot/Greenland Halibut	1,847	1,780	2,023	1,527	5,223	12,400	33
Crab, Queen/Snow	2,984	2,460	3,007	2,986	13,484	24,921	66
Shrimp, *Pandalus borealis*	78	0	80	0	0	158	0
Redfish	2	77	1	0	0	80	0
Grenadier, Roughhead	0	0	0	<0.1	0	<0.1	0
Halibut – Atlantic	<0.1	0	0	0	0	<0.1	0
Squid, Illex/Shortfin	0	0	0	0	49	49	0
Total						**37,608**	

Source: DFO 2020b
Note: '0' denotes species had been fished although due to confidentiality reasons, data has been suppressed.

The Project Area (ELs 1145,1146, and 1148) overlaps with a marine refuge area, the Northeast Newfoundland Slope Closure. Within this area, bottom contact fishing activity has been prohibited.

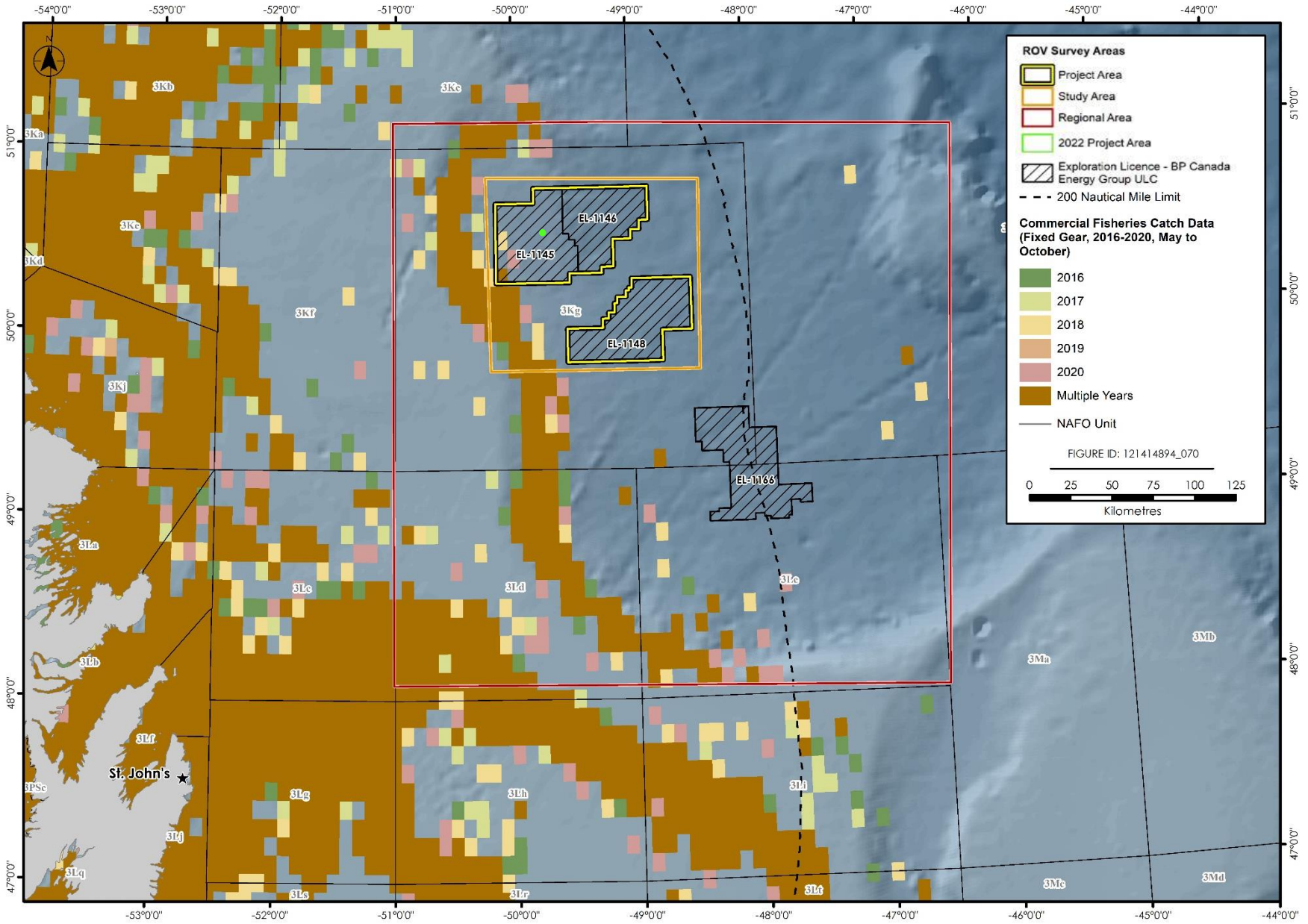
BP is not aware of food, social, or ceremonial (FSC) fishing or harvesting occurring within the Project Area but is aware of the potential presence of species in the Project Area that may be harvested by Indigenous peoples outside the Project Area, including Atlantic salmon, American eel, swordfish, and tuna. Birds and seals that could occur in the Project Area may also be harvested by Indigenous peoples for FSC purposes.

There is an annual Industry-DFO Collaborative Post Season Trap Survey for snow crab, which is conducted using commercial and modified snow crab traps at established trap stations. The survey typically starts after the commercial snow crab season has ended in late August or early September. The 2022 locations of the post-season survey are illustrated in Figure 3.4; there is no overlap with proposed ROV survey.



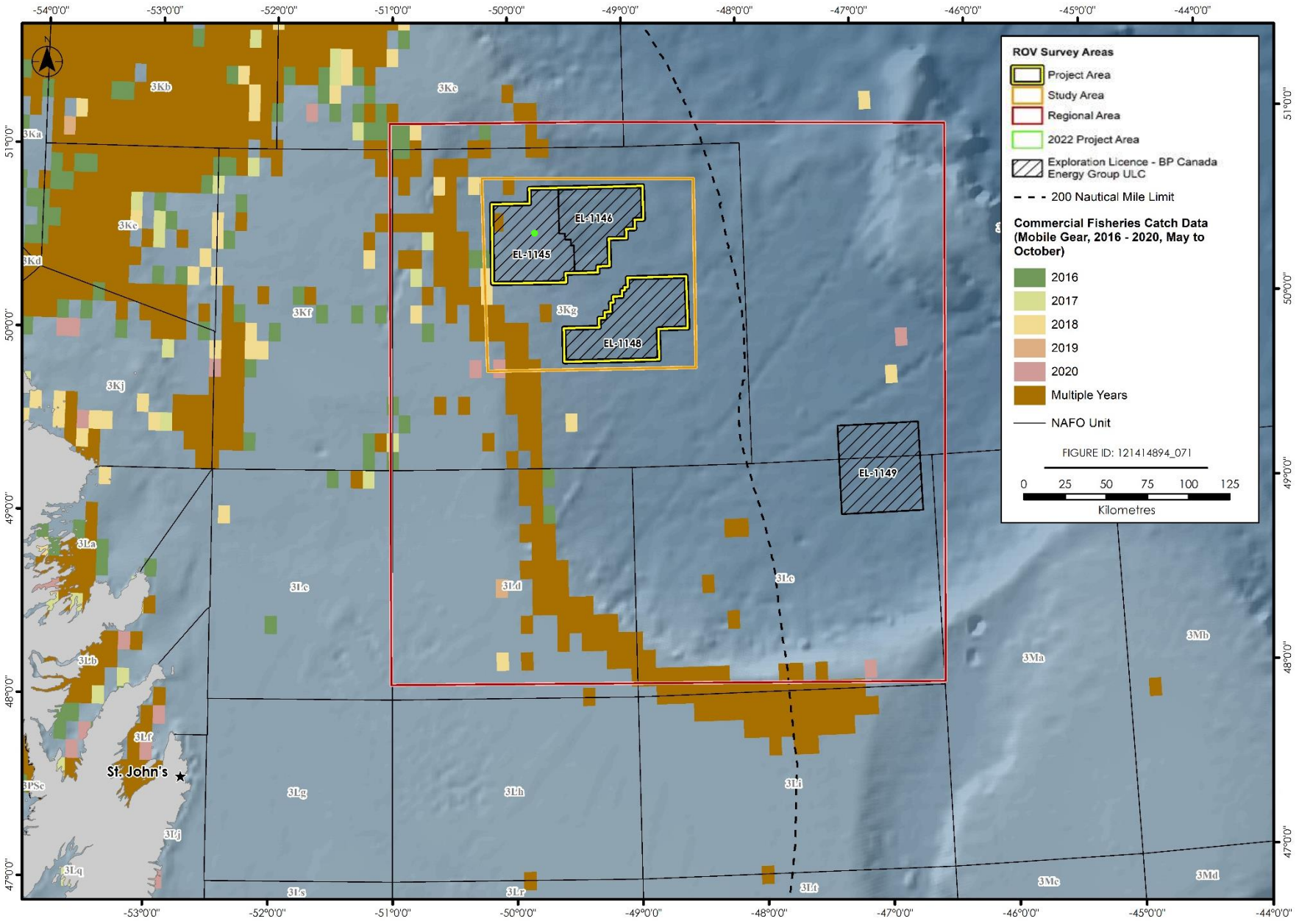
Source: DFO 2020a

Figure 3.1 Domestic Harvesting Locations, All Species (May to October 2016 to 2020)



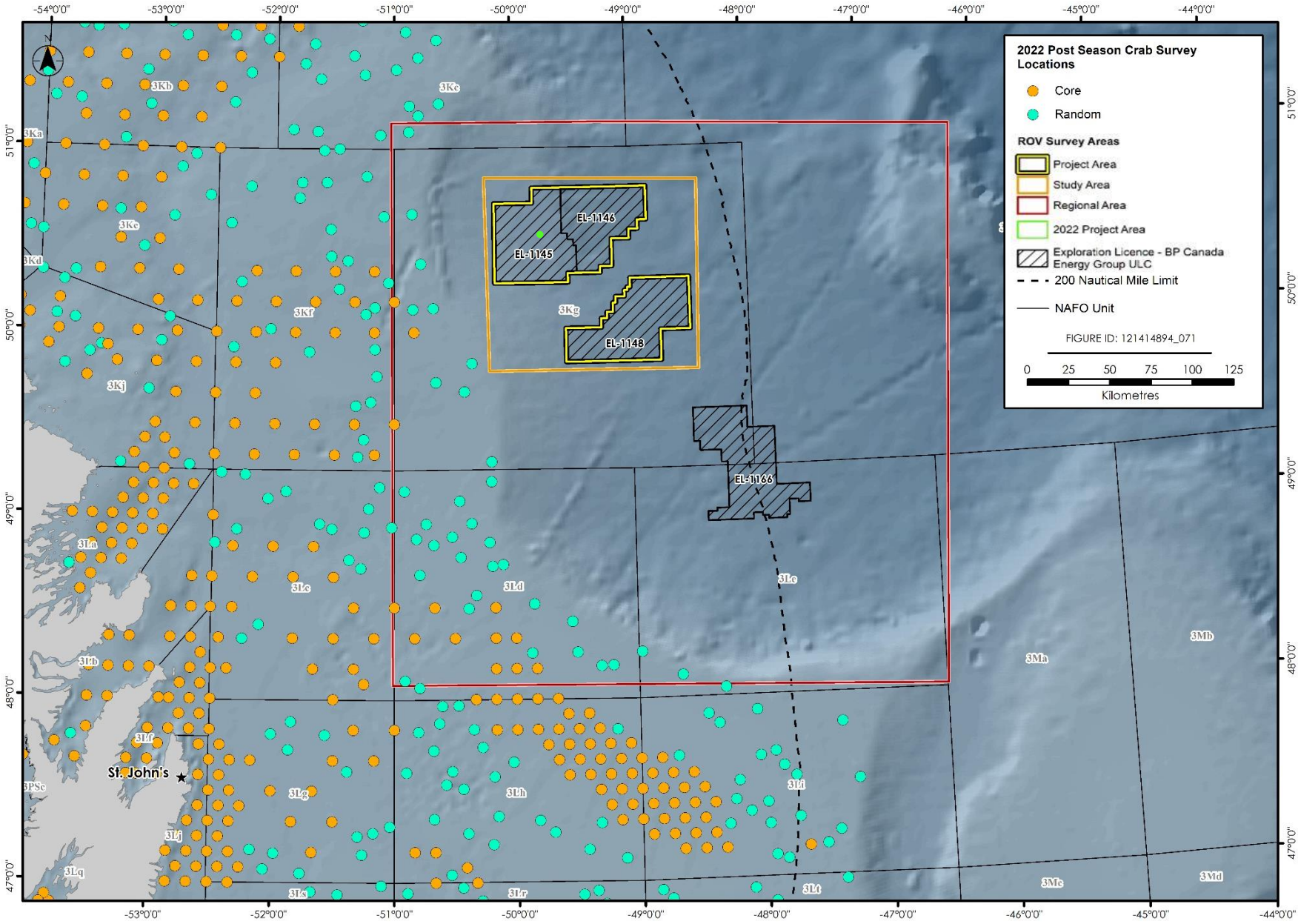
Source: DFO 2020a

Figure 3.2 Domestic Harvesting Locations – Fixed Gear (May to October 2016 to 2020)



Source: DFO 2020a

Figure 3.3 Domestic Harvesting Locations – Mobile Gear (May to October 2016 to 2020)



Source: W. Coffey, DFO, pers. comm., 2022

Figure 3.4 2022 Post-season Crab Survey Locations

Annual fisheries research surveys are conducted by DFO in the NL offshore area. A schedule for DFO research surveys for 2022 is provided in Table 3.2. BP notified with DFO of the project schedule and area of activity on May 10, 2022 and are waiting for a response to determine if further consultation is required. prior to the start of the ROV survey to determine if there are spatial or temporal conflicts.

Prior to departure BP will contact the Department of National Defence to determine if there are planned military activities scheduled in 2022 that overlap spatially/temporally with the proposed ROV survey program. Points of contact for naval vessel and submarine activities have been identified and a more detailed communication will be provided in a timely manner prior to departure.

Table 3.2 DFO Research Vessel Survey Schedule for 2022

Activity	Start Date	End Date
R/V Teleost		
Capelin Spring Acoustic Survey	25-May	31-May
NL Summer AZMP Oceanographic Survey	03-Jul	28-Jul
Fall 2021 Multispecies Survey (NAFO Divisions 2HJ3K)	09-Oct	16-Dec
2023 Capelin Winter Acoustic Survey	02-Jan-2023	16-Jan-2023
R/V Needler		
NL Spring Survey	19-Apr	28-June
Maritime Region Ecosystem Survey	03-Jul	16-Aug
Shellfish Survey	09-Sep	19-Sep
NL Fall Survey	20-Sep	16-Dec
R/V Cartier		
Fall 2022 Multispecies Survey (NAFO Divisions 2HJ3K)	04-Oct	16-Dec
R/V Cabot		
Spring 2022 Multispecies survey	01-Apr	28-Jun
Fall 2022 Multispecies Survey (NAFO Divisions 3LNO)	20-Sep	16-Dec
Source: G. Sheppard, DFO, pers. comm., 2022 Note: These schedules may change due to mechanical, weather, or other delays throughout the survey year		

3.2 Species at Risk

Table 3.3 outlines species at risk as designated by the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) and the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) for the Orphan Basin area. The list of species at risk in the Project Area has been updated from the previously accepted EA. The following changes are noted:

- Red-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*) has been added to Schedule 1 of SARA and listed as Special Concern

- Four new species have been added to COSEWIC listings (spiny dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*) (Atlantic population) (Special Concern), white hake (*Urophycis tenuis*) (Atlantic and Northern Gulf of St. Lawrence population) (Threatened), beluga whale (*Delphinapterus leucas*) (Eastern Hudson Bay population) (Threatened), Leach's Storm-petrel (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*) (Atlantic population) (Threatened))
- Shortfin mako shark (Atlantic population) (*Isurus oxyrinchus*) has been reassessed as Endangered by COSEWIC (previously assessed as Special Concern)

Table 3.3 Species at Risk listed under SARA and/or under Consideration by COSEWIC with Potential to Occur within the Study Area

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Schedule 1 Status	COSEWIC Designation
Marine Fish			
Acadian redfish (Atlantic population)	*Sebastes fasciatus*	Not Listed	Threatened
American eel	*Anguilla rostrata*	Not Listed	Threatened
American plaice (NL population)	*Hippoglossoides platessoides*	Not Listed	Threatened
Atlantic bluefin tuna	*Thunnus thynnus*	Not Listed	Endangered
Atlantic cod (NL population)	*Gadus morhua*	Not Listed	Endangered
Atlantic halibut	*Hippoglossus hippoglossus*	Not Listed	Not at Risk
Atlantic salmon (South Newfoundland population)	*Salmo salar*	Not Listed	Threatened
Atlantic salmon (Gaspe-Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence)	*Salmo salar*	Not Listed	Special Concern
Atlantic salmon (Outer Bay of Fundy)	*Salmo salar*	Not Listed	Endangered
Atlantic salmon (Eastern Cape Breton)	*Salmo salar*	Not Listed	Endangered
Atlantic salmon (Nova Scotia Southern Upland)	*Salmo salar*	Not Listed	Endangered
Atlantic salmon (Quebec Eastern North Shore population)	*Salmo salar*	Not Listed	Special Concern
Atlantic salmon (Quebec Western North Shore population)	*Salmo salar*	Not Listed	Special Concern
Atlantic salmon (Anticosti Island population)	*Salmo salar*	Not Listed	Endangered
Atlantic wolffish [1]	*Anarhichas lupus*	Special Concern	Special Concern
Basking shark (Atlantic population)	*Cetorhinus maximus*	Not Listed	Special Concern
Bigeye tuna	*Thunnus thynnus*	Not Listed	Not Listed
Blue shark (Atlantic population)	*Prionace glauce*	Not Listed	Not at Risk
Lumpfish	*Cyclopterus lumpus*	Not Listed	Threatened
Cusk	*Brosme brosme*	Not Listed	Endangered
Deepwater redfish (Northern population)	*Sebastes mentella*	Not Listed	Threatened
Northern wolffish [1]	*Anarhichas denticulatus*	Threatened	Threatened
Porbeagle shark	*Lamna nasus*	Not Listed	Endangered
Roughhead grenadier	*Macrourus berglax*	Not Listed	Special Concern
Roundnose grenadier	*Coryphaenoides rupestris*	Not Listed	Endangered
Shortfin mako shark (Atlantic population)	*Isurus oxyrinchus*	Not Listed	Endangered
Smooth skate (Funk Island Deep Population)	*Malacoraja senta*	Not Listed	Endangered
Spiny dogfish (Atlantic population)	*Squalus acanthias*	Not Listed	Special Concern

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA Schedule 1 Status	COSEWIC Designation
Spotted wolffish [1]	*Anarhichas minor*	Threatened	Threatened
Thorny skate	*Amblyraja radiata*	Not Listed	Special Concern
White hake (Atlantic and Northern Gulf of St. Lawrence population)	*Urophycis tenuis*	Not Listed	Threatened
White shark (Atlantic population)	*Carcharodon carcharias*	Endangered	Endangered
Winter skate (Eastern Scotian Shelf – Newfoundland population)	*Leucoraja oscellata*	Not Listed	Endangered
Marine Birds			
Red-necked phalarope [2]	*Phalaropus lobatus*	Special Concern	Special Concern
Ivory gull [3]	*Pagophila eburnea*	Endangered	Endangered
Ross's gull	*Rhodostethia rosea*	Threatened	Threatened
Leach's Storm-petrel (Atlantic population)	*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*	Not Listed	Threatened
Marine Mammals			
North Atlantic right whale [4,5]	*Eubalaena glacialis*	Endangered	Endangered
Fin whale [6]6	*Balaenoptera physalus*	Special Concern	Special Concern
Blue whale [7,8]	*Balaenoptera musculus*	Endangered	Endangered
Northern bottlenose whale (Scotian Shelf population) [9,10]	*Hyperoodon ampullatus*	Endangered	Endanger / ed
Northern bottlenose whale (Davis Strait-Baffin Bay-Labrador Sea population)	*Hyperoodon ampullatus*	Not Listed	Special Concern
Sowerby's beaked whale [11]	*Mesoplodon bidens*	Special Concern	Special Concern
Killer whale (Northwest Atlantic / Eastern Arctic population)	*Orcinus orca*	Not Listed	Special Concern
Harbour porpoise	*Phocoena phocoena*	Not Listed	Special Concern
Beluga Whale (Eastern Hudson Bay population)	*Delphinapterus leucas*	Not Listed	Threatened
Sea Turtles			
Leatherback sea turtle (Atlantic population) [12,13]	*Dermochelys coriacea*	Endangered	Endangered
Loggerhead sea turtle [14]	*Caretta*	Endangered	Endangered
Notes: 1. DFO 2020c; 2. Environment and Climate Change Canada 2022; 3. Environment Canada 2014; 4. DFO 2014; 5. DFO 2021; 6. DFO 2017a; 7. Beauchamp et al. 2009; 8. DFO 2020d; 9. DFO 2016; 10. DFO 2017b; 11. DFO 2017c; 12. Atlantic Leatherback Turtle Recovery Team. 2006; 13. DFO 2020e; 14. DFO 2020f.			

The federal Minister is currently conducting consultation to assist in the determination of whether or not Leach's storm-petrel should be added to SARA Schedule 1. The consultation period closes October 2022.

A review of the SARA species-specific recovery plans and critical habitat statements do not indicate that new or modified mitigation measures are required beyond those already committed to by BP.

Critical habitat has been designated for northern (*Anarhichas denticulatus*) and spotted (*Anarhichas minor*) wolffish; both are listed as Threatened under SARA Schedule 1. The northern wolffish critical habitat overlaps a small portion of the southwest corner of the Study Area along a portion of the Northeast Newfoundland Slope; no critical habitat overlaps the Project Area (refer to Figure 3.5).

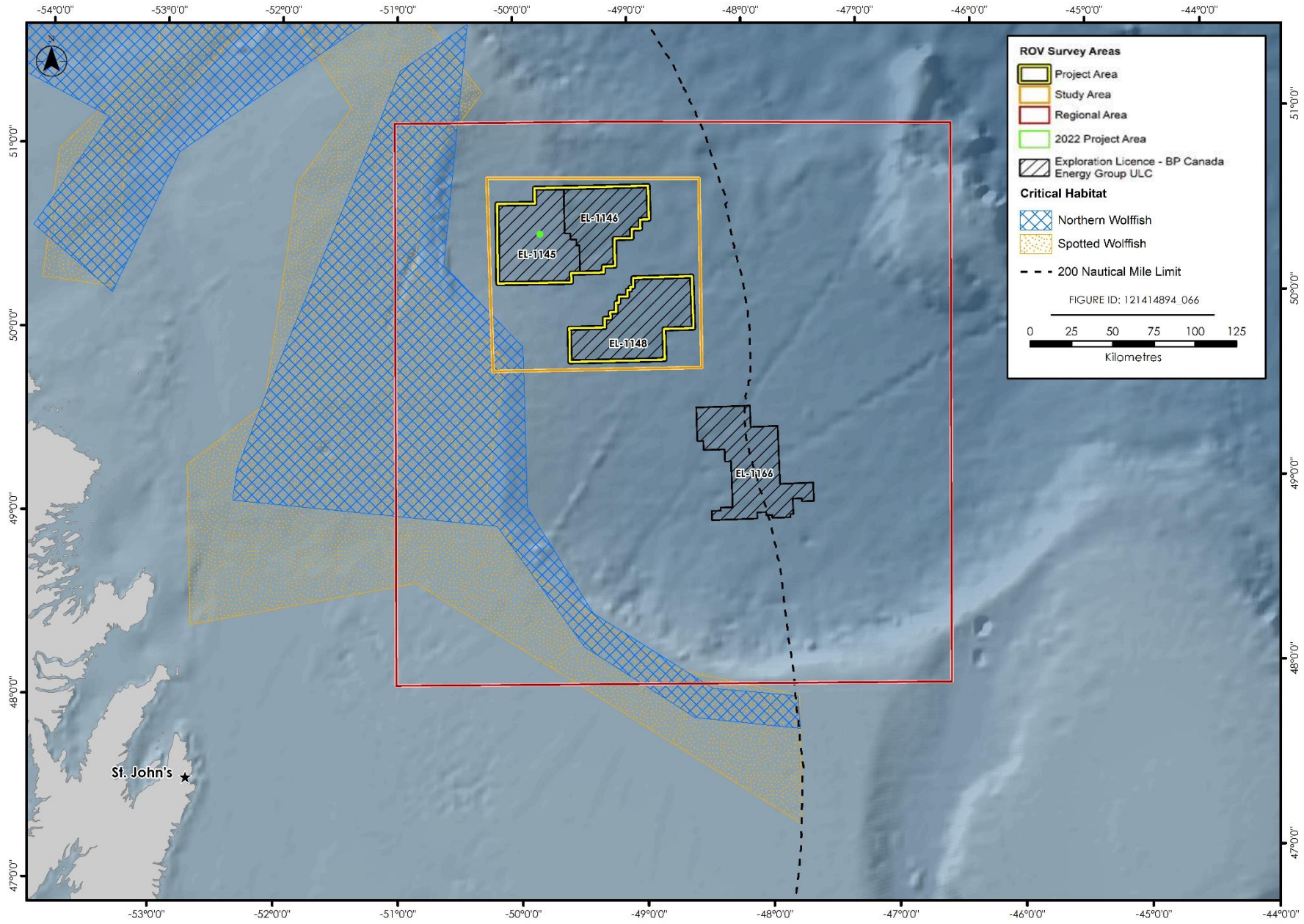


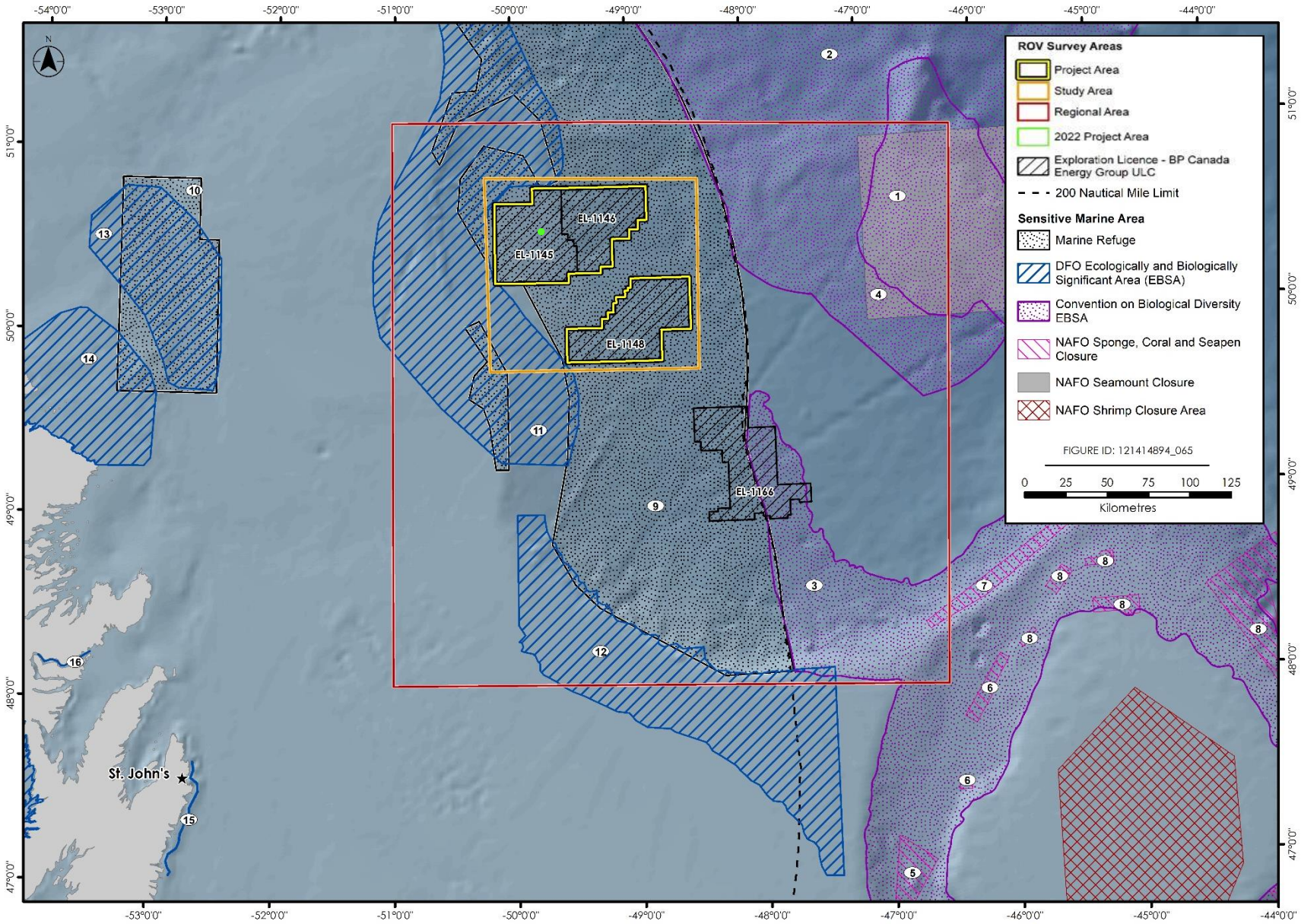
Figure 3.5 Wolffish Critical Habitat

3.3 Sensitive Areas

There are several areas in NL waters that are protected under federal, provincial, or international legislation or programs because they are considered to be important for ecological, historical, or socio-economic reasons. There are crab closure areas outside the Regional Area not depicted in Figure 3.6. Within the Regional Area, these sensitive areas include Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs) and a *Fisheries Act* marine refuge (refer to Table 3.4 and Figure 3.6). Since the original EA was accepted, a NAFO Shrimp Closure Area was established on the Flemish Cap (outside the Regional Area, Figure 3.6).

Table 3.4 Sensitive Areas within or Adjacent to the Regional Area

Number	Name	Special Area Type
1	Orphan Knoll	Convention on Biological Diversity Identified EBSA
2	Seabird Foraging Zone in the Southern Labrador Sea	Convention on Biological Diversity Identified EBSA
3	Slopes of the Flemish Cap and Grand Bank	Convention on Biological Diversity Identified EBSA
4	Orphan Knoll	NAFO Seamount Closure
5	Flemish Pass / Eastern Canyon	NAFO Sponge, Coral, and Seapen Closure
6	Northwest Flemish Cap	NAFO Sponge, Coral, and Seapen Closure
6	Northwest Flemish Cap	NAFO Sponge, Coral, and Seapen Closure
7	Sackville Spur	NAFO Sponge, Coral, and Seapen Closure
8	Northwest Flemish Cap	NAFO Sponge, Coral, and Seapen Closure
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8	Northeast Flemish Cap	NAFO Sponge, Coral, and Seapen Closure
9	Northeast Newfoundland Slope	Marine Refuge
10	Funk Island Deep	Marine Refuge
11	Orphan Spur	DFO EBSA
12	Northeast Shelf and Slope	DFO EBSA
13	Notre Dame Channel	DFO EBSA
14	Fogo Shelf	DFO EBSA
15	Eastern Avalon	DFO EBSA
16	Smith Sound	DFO EBSA



Note: Refer to Table 3.4 for key.

Figure 3.6 Sensitive Areas

4 Mitigation Measures

BP re-commits to implementing the mitigation measures described in Table 7.1 of the original February 2019 EA for the 2022 ROV survey, including following-up with Environment and Climate Change Canada-Canadian Wildlife Service to learn more about the use of the Eastern Canada Seabirds at Sea mobile database to facilitate the entry and storage of migratory bird data collected during the Project.

The CNLOPB Letter of Determination dated June 5, 2019 also requires BP to submit a report on mitigation and monitoring identified in the EA, and undertaken during the program, within six months of completion of the fieldwork in a format that is suitable for public release.

5 Engagement and Consultation

BP has continued to provide updates on planned activities through email notifications and newsletters issued to indigenous and fishing industry groups. BP met with One Ocean to review the Project plans and schedule on April 26, 2022; One Ocean also reviewed BP's email to fishers and Indigenous groups. No concerns have been presented.

An email notification was issued on April 29, 2022, notifying the indigenous and fishing industry groups of the Project, and inviting comments / feedback on the Project. A newsletter was also posted to the BP website and issued to the groups on May 27, 2022. As of June 7, 2022, bp has not received any comments or concerns.

BP notified DFO of the project schedule and area of activity on May 10, 2022. Bp received a response from DFO on May 31, 2022 stating they have confirmed with those in charge of the spring multispecies surveys that there is no sampling/survey plan for DFO Science in the 2022 ROV survey area.

DND (naval and submarine operations) were contacted on May 9 and May 12, 2022 respectively and responses were received on May 16 and June 3 respectively. No comments or concerns were submitted by any DND personnel contacted.

6 Concluding Statement

The proposed 2022 seabed survey program to be executed by BP has been reviewed and assessed to be within the scope of previously accepted EA, specifically:

- No change to the scope and nature of proposed activities and addressed under the accepted EA
- No change to the nature and extent of the fishing activities being undertaken in the Project Area
- The nature of the species at risk in the Project Areas has been updated and validated
- Proposed wolffish critical habitat included in the previously accepted EA has been formalized (DFO 2020a)

- The mitigation measures identified in the accepted EA are still valid and will continue to be implemented (see Section 4)
- The commitments and conditions associated with the previously accepted EA will be implemented
- BP continues to provide update information to fishers and Indigenous groups directly affected by the proposed activities under the previously accepted EA (see Section 5)

The environmental effects predicted in previously accepted EA remain valid. BP reaffirms its commitment to implement the mitigation measures, commitments, and conditions associated with the EA.

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