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Condition #	Topic	Condition	DATE	Status	Verification Details
2.1	General	The Proponent shall ensure that its actions in meeting the conditions set out in this Decision Statement during all phases of the Designated Project are considered in a careful and precautionary manner, promote sustainable development, are informed by the best information and knowledge available at the time the Proponent takes action, including community and Indigenous traditional knowledge, are based on methods and models that are recognized by standard-setting bodies, are undertaken by qualified individuals, and have applied the best available economically and technically feasible technologies.	Q3 2020	In Progress	This is addressed throughout this document and not in one specific item.
2.2.1	Consultation	The Proponent shall, where consultation is a requirement of a condition set out in this Decision Statement: 2.2.1 provide a written notice of the opportunity for the party or parties being consulted to present their views and information on the subject of the consultation;	Q4 2020	In Progress	Documents that have completed engagement as of April 2020 include the Indigenous Communications Plan, 2019 Coral and Sponge Survey Plan, Fisheries Communications Plans, Spill Response Exercise and Results Report, Coral EL 1156 Risk Assessment, SIMA, Seabird Survey Observation and Handling Protocol, Wildlife Emergency Response Plan.
2.2.2		2.2.2 provide sufficient information on the scope and the subject matter of the consultation in a period of time that allows the party or parties being consulted, to prepare their views and information;	Q4 2020	In Progress	Documents were submitted to stakeholders within an appropriate review time.
2.2.3		2.2.3 undertake an impartial consideration of all views and information presented by the party or parties being consulted on the subject matter of the consultation; and	Q4 2020	In Progress	Feedback comments were reviewed and incorporated where applicable.
2.2.4		2.2.4 advise in a timely manner the party or parties being consulted on how the views and information received have been considered by the Proponent.	Q4 2020	In Progress	Stakeholders were advised of the final versions.
2.3	Consultation Indigenous Groups	The Proponent shall, where consultation with Indigenous groups is a requirement of a condition set out in this Decision Statement, communicate with each Indigenous group with respect to the manner by which to satisfy the consultation requirements referred to in condition 2.2, including methods of notification, the type of information and the period of time to be provided when seeking input, the process to be used by the Proponent to undertake impartial consideration of all views and information presented on the subject of the consultation, the period of time to advise Indigenous groups of how their views and information were considered by the Proponent and the means by which Indigenous groups will be advised.	Q4 2020	In Progress	Communication with Indigenous groups has been underway since 2017 and has evolved for this project. Equinor has developed a single point of contact approach to ensure consistency and accuracy in the feedback loop. Follow up to explain how feedback has been incorporated is part of that process. Normally thirty days was given for review time which has been acceptable to date.
2.10	Changes to Project or Operator Notifications Indigenous Groups	The Proponent shall notify the Agency and Indigenous groups in writing no later than 60 days after the day on which there is a change of operator for the Designated Project.	N/A	Closed	- Equinor has conducted an exploration drilling program on EL 1156 in 2020, and there is currently no plan for operatorship on this licence to change.
2.11	Changes to Project or Operator Consultation Indigenous Groups	The Proponent shall consult with Indigenous groups prior to initiating any material changes to the Designated Project that may result in adverse environmental effects, and shall notify the Board and the Agency in writing no later than 60 days prior to initiating the change(s).	N/A	Closed	- Based on the scope of work planned for the exploration drilling program on EL 1156, there are no material changes to the designated project anticipated.
2.12	Changes to Project or Operator	In notifying the Board and the Agency pursuant to condition 2.11, the Proponent shall provide the Board and the Agency with a description of the potential adverse environmental effects of the change(s) to the Designated Project, the proposed mitigation measures and follow-up requirements to be implemented by the Proponent and the results of the consultation with Indigenous groups.	N/A	Closed	- Based on the scope of work planned for the exploration drilling program on EL 1156, there are no material changes to the designated project anticipated.
8.3	Changes to Project or Operator Notifications	The Proponent shall notify the Board and the Agency of any change to the contact information of the Proponent included in the Decision Statement.	N/A	Closed	- Equinor's SSU Manager - Canada, Clark Stokes, is addressed in the Decision Statement. This will remain valid for the 2020 exploration drilling program.

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2.8	Plans/Procedures	The Proponent shall cause to be published on the Internet the reports and the executive summaries referred to in condition 2.7, the coral and sponge survey results referred to in condition 3.6, the communication plan referred to in condition 5.1, the well and wellhead abandonment plan referred to in condition 5.2, the well control strategies referred to in condition 6.5, the spill response plan referred to in condition 6.6, the Spill Impact Mitigation Assessment referred to in condition 6.10, the implementation schedule referred to in condition 7.1, monitoring and follow-up results for marine mammals, fish and fish habitat, and migratory birds and any update(s) or revision(s) to the above documents, upon submission of these documents to the parties referenced in the respective conditions. The Proponent shall notify Indigenous groups of the availability of these documents within 48 hours of their publication.	30-Jun-20	Closed	Indigenous Groups were advised of the availability of documents online April 3, ongoing notifications of future postings will occur as required.
	Notifications				
	Indigenous Groups				
3.3	Chemical Screening	The Proponent shall apply, at a minimum, the standards identified in the Offshore Chemical Selection Guidelines for Drilling & Production Activities on Frontier Lands, issued jointly by the National Energy Board, the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board and the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board, to select lower toxicity chemicals for use and discharge into the marine environment, including drilling fluid constituents, and shall submit any necessary risk justification pursuant to the Guidelines to the Board for acceptance prior to use.	28-Feb-20	Closed	Submitted to the C-NLOPB as part of the OA application February 10, 2020
3.5	Surveys	The Proponent shall conduct a pre-drill survey with qualified individual(s) at each well site to confirm the presence or absence of any unexploded ordnance (UXO) or other seabed hazards. If any such ordnance or seabed hazard is detected, it shall not be disturbed and the Proponent shall contact the Canadian Coast Guard's Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Halifax and the Board to determine an appropriate course of action, prior to commencing drilling.	30-May-20	Closed	These were carried out just prior to drilling, no UXOs or other hazards were found..
3.6	Corals and Sponges	The Proponent shall develop and conduct, in consultation with Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Board, a coral and sponge survey to confirm the presence or absence of any aggregations of habitat-forming corals or sponges or any other environmentally sensitive features. The equipment used to conduct the surveys shall be operated by a qualified individual. Survey transect length and pattern around well sites shall be based on applicable drill cutting dispersion model results. Transects around anchor sites should extend at least 50 metres from the extent of the anchor pattern.	4-Oct-19	Closed	- Equinor emailed a copy of the 2019 Coral and Sponge Survey Plan to C-NLOPB and DFO on 17-Sept-2019; final plan approved
			N/A	Closed	- Due to water depths, mooring / anchoring systems are not required and therefore not required to be surveyed.
			20-Apr-20	Closed	Survey was conducted November 2019.
3.7	Corals and Sponges	If the survey(s) conducted in accordance with condition 3.6 confirm(s) the presence of aggregations of habitat-forming corals or sponges, or if other environmentally sensitive features are identified by a qualified individual, the Proponent shall change the location of the well on the seafloor or redirect drill cuttings discharges to avoid affecting the aggregations of habitat-forming corals or sponges, unless not technically feasible, as determined in consultation with the Board. If not technically feasible, the Proponent shall consult with the Board and Fisheries and Oceans Canada prior to commencing drilling to determine an appropriate course of action, subject to the approval of the Board, including any additional mitigation measures.	1-Apr-20	Closed	Coral results report was submitted to DFO and C-NLOPB for comment January 2020. Reviews and edits were incorporated, and the final document has been posted on the website.
			30-Apr-20	Closed	
3.9.1	VSP	The Proponent shall develop, in consultation with Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Board, a marine mammal monitoring plan that shall be submitted to the Board at least 30 days prior to the commencement of any vertical seismic survey. The Proponent shall implement the plan during the conduct of vertical seismic surveys. As part of the plan, the Proponent shall: <b>3.9.1</b> develop and implement marine mammal observation requirements, including the use of passive acoustic monitoring, or equivalent technology, and visual monitoring by marine mammal observers throughout vertical seismic surveys;	May 30 2020	Closed	Final MMP submitted to C-NLOPB April 22. All aspects of the plan will be implemented during operations, VSP operations were carried out in June and August for the Cappahayden and Cambriol wells. The report for the Cappahayden well has been submitted, and the Cambriol report will be submitted in October.
3.9.2	VSP	<b>3.9.2</b> ensure that observation requirements specify the requirement for shut down of the seismic sound source if any marine mammal or sea turtle is observed within the 500 metre safety zone; and	TBD based on VSP timing	Closed	To be implemented when VSP occurs - VSP operations were carried out in June and August for the Cappahayden and Cambriol wells.

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4.3	Birds	The Proponent shall develop, prior to the start of the drilling program and in consultation with Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Board, follow-up requirements, pursuant to condition 2.4, to verify the accuracy of the environmental assessment as it pertains to migratory birds and to determine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures implemented by the Proponent to avoid harm to migratory birds, their eggs and nests, including the mitigation measures used to comply with conditions 4.1 and 4.2.	30-Mar-20	Closed	Seabird Survey Observation and Handling Protocol submitted for review to CWS and the C-NLOPB March 11, final version completed April 1 after incorporating feedback comments.
3.13	Salmon	The Proponent shall submit to the Board a letter, prior to drilling, confirming its intent to participate in research pertaining to the presence of Atlantic Salmon ( <i>Salmo salar</i> ) in the Jeanne d'Arc Basin and the Flemish Pass and update the Board and Indigenous groups annually on related research activities.	28-Feb-20	Closed	Letter submitted to the C-NLOPB March 12.
	Indigenous Groups				
5.1	Plans/Procedures	The Proponent shall develop and implement a Fisheries Communication Plan in consultation with the Board, Indigenous groups and commercial fishers. The Proponent shall develop the Fisheries Communication Plan prior to drilling and implement it for the duration of the drilling program. The Proponent shall include in the Fisheries Communications Plan: - 5.1.1 procedures to notify Indigenous groups and commercial fishers of planned drilling activity, a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of drilling of each well; - 5.1.2 procedures to determine the requirement for a Fisheries Liaison Officer and/or fisheries guide vessel during drilling installation movement and geophysical programs; - 5.1.3 procedures to communicate with Indigenous groups and commercial fishers, in the event of an accident or malfunction, the results of the monitoring and any associated potential health risks referred to in condition 6.9; and - 5.1.4 the type of information that will be communicated to Indigenous groups and commercial fishers, and the timing of distribution of this information, that will include but not be limited to: 5.1.4.1 a description of planned Designated Project activities; 5.1.4.2 location(s) of safety exclusion zones; 5.1.4.3 anticipated vessel traffic schedule; 5.1.4.4 anticipated vessel routes; and 5.1.4.5 locations of suspended or abandoned wellheads.	26-Jun-19	Closed	Final version completed 26-Jun-2019. Final versions were completed in French and English. Final versions provided to Indigenous groups and C-NLOPB by email from J. Hartling on 30-Jun-2019. Monthly updates have been sent, #8 most recently, as well as other notices for significant events such as spudding a well and leaving the location Updates made in Feb 2020 based on feedback, submitted to the C-NLOPB March 24.
	Consultation				
	Indigenous Groups				
	Fishers				
5.3	Notifications	The Proponent shall provide the details of its operation, including the safety exclusion zones during drilling and testing, and the location information of abandoned wellheads if left on the seafloor, to the Marine Communications and Traffic Services for broadcasting and publishing in the Notices to Shipping, to the North Atlantic Fisheries Organization Secretariat, and to the Canadian Hydrographic Services for future nautical charts and planning.	30-Jul-20	Closed	Will include wording in Marine Operations Manual. Notifications to be issued accordingly. A notice was sent September 21, 2020 regarding the Cambriol wellhead.
6.2	Plans/Procedures	The Proponent shall develop, in consultation with the Board and Environment and Climate Change Canada, and implement for the duration of the drilling program, a physical environment monitoring program (PEMP), in accordance with the Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Drilling and Production Regulations that meets or exceeds the requirements of the Offshore Physical Environmental Guidelines (September 2008). The physical environment monitoring program shall be submitted to the Board for approval prior to commencing drilling.	28-Feb-20	Closed	The PEMP has been finalized
	Physical Environment				
6.3	Plans/Procedures	The Proponent shall prepare a plan for avoidance of drilling installation collisions with vessels and other hazards that may reasonably be expected in the Designated Project Area and submit the plan to the Board for acceptance prior to drilling.	28-Feb-20	Closed	Collision avoidance plan is covered within Transocean's HSE plan, and was provided with the OA documentation.
	Accidents and Malfunctions				
6.4	Plans/Procedures	The Proponent shall prepare an Ice Management Plan that will include measures for avoidance of collisions with icebergs and submit the plan to the Board for acceptance prior to drilling.	1-Oct-19	Closed	- Ice Management Plan prepared and submitted with the OA Application on 04-Oct-2019.
	Accidents and Malfunctions				

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6.5	Plans/Procedures	The Proponent shall prepare and submit to the Board well control strategies that include: 6.5.1 measures for well control and containment and the drilling of a relief well, as well as options to reduce overall response timeline; and 6.5.2 measures to quickly disconnect the marine drilling riser from the well in the event of an emergency or extreme weather conditions.	28-Feb-20	Closed	Source Control ERP document was finalized and approved January 27.
	Accidents and Malfunctions				
6.6	Plans/Procedures	After considering the views of Indigenous groups, the Proponent shall prepare and submit a Spill Response Plan to the Board for acceptance prior to drilling. The Spill Response Plan will include the following: 6.6.1 procedures to respond to and mitigate the potential environmental effects of a spill of any substance that may cause adverse environmental effects, including spill containment and recovery procedures; 6.6.2 reporting thresholds and notification procedures; 6.6.3 measures for wildlife response, protection and rehabilitation, including procedures for the collection and cleaning of marine mammals, migratory birds, sea turtles and species at risk, and measures for shoreline protection and clean-up; and 6.6.4 roles and responsibilities for offshore operations and onshore responders.	1-Oct-19	Closed	OSRP prepared and submitted to the C-NLOPB with the OA Application on 04-Oct-2019. It is now posted on the website.
	Spill Prevention and Response				
	Indigenous Groups				
6.7	Spill Prevention and Response	The Proponent shall conduct an exercise of the Spill Response Plan prior to drilling activities as recommended in the Newfoundland Offshore Drilling and Production Guidelines, document any deficiencies observed during this exercise and provide these deficiencies to the Board for review, and adjust the plan to the satisfaction of the Board to address any deficiencies identified during the exercise.	TBD	Closed	Table top exercise was conducted March 30. The report was submitted to the C-NLOPB for review and changes were made to incorporate feedback. A final version including comments was sent to Indigenous groups April 2.
6.11	Spill Prevention and Response	The Proponent shall provide Indigenous groups with the results of the exercise conducted pursuant to condition 6.7, following its review by the Board.	based on Synergy exercise date 13-Nov-2019	Closed	Table top exercise was conducted March 30. The report was submitted to the C-NLOPB for review and changes were made to incorporate feedback. A final version including comments was sent to Indigenous groups April 2.
	Indigenous Groups	The Proponent shall provide the final Spill Response Plan to Indigenous groups prior to drilling and any updates to the Spill Response Plan pursuant to condition 6.8.	28-Feb-19	Closed	The OSRP has been provided to Indigenous Groups.
6.8	Plans/Procedures	The Proponent shall review the Spill Response Plan prior to the drilling of each well to verify that it continues to be appropriate and shall update the plan as necessary and in a manner acceptable to the Board.	1-Oct-19	Closed	- Revised OSRP submitted to C-NLOPB with OA Application on 04-Oct-2019. OSRP will be reviewed as described.
	Spill Prevention and Response				
6.10	Plans/Procedures	The Proponent shall undertake a Spill Impact Mitigation Assessment to identify spill response options that will be implemented in the case of a spill to provide for the best opportunities to minimize environmental consequences, and provide it to the Board for review prior to drilling.	15-Jan-20	Closed	Final SIMA submitted April 15
	Spill Prevention and Response				
6.13	Spill Prevention and Response	If drilling is anticipated in water depths in excess of 2 500 m, the Proponent shall undertake further analysis to confirm the capping stack technology selected can be operated safely at the proposed depth and submit this analysis to the Board for approval.	N/A	N/A	- Exploration drilling in 2020 will not exceed depths of 2,500 m and therefore no compliance plan required.

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7.1	Compliance Plans	The Proponent shall submit to the Board a schedule for each condition set out in this Decision Statement at least 30 days prior to the start of a drilling program. This schedule shall detail all activities planned to fulfill each condition set out in this Decision Statement and the commencement and estimated completion month(s) and year(s) for each of these activities.		In Progress	First version of the Implementation Schedule was posted April 6,2020. It will be updated on the website regularly.
7.2	Schedule	The Proponent shall submit to the Board a schedule outlining all activities required to carry out all phases of the Designated Project no later than 30 days prior to the start of the drilling program. The schedule shall indicate the commencement and estimated completion month(s) and year(s) and duration of each of these activities.	30-Apr-20		
7.3	Compliance Plans	The Proponent shall submit to the Board in writing an update to schedules referred to in conditions 7.1 and 7.2 every year no later than June 30, until completion of all activities referred to in each schedule.			
	Schedule				
7.4	Compliance Plans	The Proponent shall provide to the Board revised schedules if any change is made to the initial schedules referred to in condition 7.1 and 7.2 or to any subsequent update(s) referred to in condition 7.3, upon revision of the schedules.			
	Schedule				
N/A	Fisheries Liaison Officer	N/A	Feb 27 2020	Closed	EA update to be submitted by Feb 18 which will include statement the no FLO will be required
6.1	Accidents and Malfunctions	The Proponent shall take all reasonable measures to prevent accidents and malfunctions that may result in adverse environmental effects and shall implement emergency response procedures and contingency plans developed in relation to the Designated Project in the event of an accident or malfunction. This shall include the development and implementation of operating procedures including thresholds for cessation of a work or activity, with respect to meteorological and oceanographic conditions experienced at the project location, and which reflect the facility's design limits and limits at which any work or activity may be conducted safely and without causing adverse environmental effects. These conditions include poor weather, high sea state, and presence of sea ice or icebergs.	28-Feb-20	Closed	- OSRP, Ice Management Plan and Transocean Barents Extreme Weather Plan submitted to the C-NLOPB with the OA Application on Oct 4, 2019.
3.1	Waste Management	The Proponent shall treat all discharges from offshore drilling into the marine environment which, at a minimum, will meet the volumes and concentration limits identified in the Offshore Waste Treatment Guidelines, issued jointly by the National Energy Board, the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board, and any other legislative requirements, where applicable.	30-Jul-20	Closed	This is addressed in the Environmental Protection Plan, as part of the OA submission made October 2019.
3.2	Waste Management	The Proponent shall dispose of spent or excess synthetic-based drilling muds that are not re-used at an approved on-shore facility.	30-Jul-20	In Progress	This is addressed in the Environmental Protection Plan, as part of the OA submission made Octpber 2019.
3.4	Waste Management	The Proponent shall treat all discharges from supply vessels into the marine environment in accordance with the International Maritime Organization's International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships and any other legislative requirements, where applicable.	30-Jul-20	Closed	This is addressed in the Environmental Protection Plan, as part of the OA submission made October 2019.
3.11	Marine Mammals and Sea Turtles	The Proponent shall report any collisions of a supply vessel with marine mammals or sea turtles to the Board, Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Canadian Coast Guard Regional Operations Centre, and any other relevant authorities as soon as reasonably practicable but no later than 24 hours following the collision, and notify Indigenous groups within three days.	30-Jul-20	Open	A protocol has been established for this reporting.
	Notifications				
3.10.1	Marine Mammals and Sea Turtles	The Proponent shall implement measures to prevent or reduce the risks of collisions between supply vessels and marine mammals and sea turtles, including: <b>3.10.1</b> requiring supply vessels to use established shipping lanes, where they exist; and	15-Jan-20	In Progress	- There are no established shipping lanes offshore NL. This has been Incorporated into the 2020 EA Update for clarity.

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3.10.2	Marine Mammals and Sea Turtles	3.10.2 requiring supply vessels to reduce speed to a maximum of 7 knots when a marine mammal or sea turtle is observed or reported within 400 metres of a supply vessel, except if not feasible for safety reasons.	30-Jul-20	In Progress	Supply vessels are aware of this mitigation measure.	
4.1	Birds	The Proponent shall carry out the Designated Project in a manner that protects migratory birds and avoids harming, killing or disturbing migratory birds or destroying, disturbing or taking their nests or eggs. In this regard, the Proponent shall be in compliance, where applicable, with the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994, the Migratory Birds Regulations and with the Species at Risk Act and shall take into account Environment and Climate Change Canada's Avoidance Guidelines.	28-Feb-20	In Progress	Seabird Survey Observation and Handling protocol has been developed in consultation with CWS and has been communicated to vessel crews.	
4.2.2	Birds		4.2.2 limiting flaring to the length of time required to characterize the wells' hydrocarbon potential and as necessary for the safety of the operation;	N/A	N/A	- No flaring planned for 2020.
4.2.3	Birds		4.2.3 flaring as early as practicable during daylight hours to limit flaring that occurs during nighttime;	N/A	N/A	- No flaring planned for 2020.
4.2.4	Birds	4.2.4 operating a water curtain barrier around the flare during flaring;	N/A	N/A	- No flaring planned for 2020.	
4.2.5	Birds	4.2.5 notifying the Board at least 30 days in advance of planned flaring to determine whether the flaring would occur during a period of migratory bird vulnerability and to determine how the Proponent plans to avoid adverse environmental effects on migratory birds;	N/A	N/A	No flaring planned for 2020	
4.2.6	Birds	4.2.6 requiring supply and other support vessels to maintain a minimum lateral distance of 300 metres from Cape St. Francis and Witless Bay Islands Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas, unless there is an emergency situation; and	30-Jul-20	Closed	Included in transit protocols.	
		4.3.2 monitor the drilling installation and supply vessels daily for the presence of stranded birds and follow Environment and Climate Change Canada's Procedures for Handling and Documenting Stranded Birds Encountered on Infrastructure Offshore Atlantic Canada.	15-Mar-20	In Progress	See comment in 4.1 above.	
6.9	Spill Prevention and Response	In the event of a spill or unplanned release of oil or any other substance that may cause adverse environmental effects, the Proponent shall notify the Board and any other relevant authorities as soon as possible, and implement its Spill Response Plan, including procedures for notification of Indigenous groups and commercial fishers. As required by and in consultation with the Board, this may include monitoring the environmental effects of a spill on components of the marine environment until specific endpoints identified in consultation with relevant authorities are achieved. As applicable, this may include: 6.9.1 sensory testing of seafood for taint, and chemical analysis for oil concentrations and any other contaminants, as applicable; 6.9.2 measuring levels of contamination in recreational, commercial and traditionally harvested fish species with results integrated into a human health risk assessment, to be submitted to relevant authorities, to determine the fishing area closure status; 6.9.3 monitoring for marine mammals, sea turtles and birds for signs of contamination or oiling and reporting results to the Board; and 6.9.4 monitoring benthic organisms and habitats in the event of a spill or other event that could result in smothering or localized effects to the benthic environment.	25-Feb-20	Open	- EEM requirements outlined in Section 8.5 of OSRP. - Notification requirements outlined in Appendix C of OSRP. - IG Communications Plan complete. - Fisheries Communication Plan finalized.	
	Indigenous Groups					
	Fishers					
N/A	Spill Prevention and Response	N/A	N/A	Closed	- EEM details are included in Section 8.6 of the OSRP and will be implemented if required. OSRP was provided to the C-NLOPB for review on 04-Oct-2019.	

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N/A	Dispersants	N/A	N/A	Closed	- Dispersant approval requirements are included in Section 7 of the OSRP and will be implemented, if required. OSRP was provided to C-NLOPB for review on 04-Oct-2019.
6.12	Spill Prevention and Response	In the event of a sub-sea well blowout, the Proponent shall begin the immediate mobilization of subsea containment and capping equipment to the blowout location. Simultaneously, the Proponent shall commence mobilization of a relief well drilling installation.	N/A	In Progress	This has been committed to by Equinor.
6.14	Spill Prevention and Response	In the event of an accident or malfunction, the Proponent shall comply with the requirements of the Accord Acts and the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Financial Requirement Regulations and the requirements described in the Compensation Guidelines Respecting Damages Relating to Offshore Petroleum Activity.	15-Apr-20	In Progress	Fisheries compensation plan has been finalized with input from Indigenous groups and fishers.
	Fisheries Compensation				
2.4	Follow-up and Monitoring	The Proponent shall, where a follow-up program is a requirement of a condition set out in this Decision Statement, determine the following information, for each follow-up program: - 2.4.1 the methodology, location, frequency, timing and duration of monitoring associated with the follow-up program as necessary to verify the accuracy of the environmental assessment predictions as they pertain to the particular condition and to determine the effectiveness of any mitigation measure(s); - 2.4.2 the scope, content and frequency of reporting of the results of the follow-up program; - 2.4.3 the levels of environmental change relative to baseline conditions and predicted effects as described in the Environmental Impact Statement, that would require the Proponent to implement modified or additional mitigation measure(s), including instances where the Proponent may be required to stop Designated Project activities; and - 2.4.4 the technically and economically feasible mitigation measures to be implemented by the Proponent if monitoring conducted as part of the follow-up program shows that the levels of environmental change have reached or exceeded the limits referred to in condition 2.4.3.	1-Mar-20	In Progress	SBM on cuttings, Seabird and Marine Mammal protocols.
2.5	Follow-up and Monitoring	The Proponent shall submit the information referred to in condition 2.4 to the Board prior to the implementation of each follow-up program. The Proponent shall update that information in consultation with relevant authorities during the implementation of each follow-up program, and shall provide the updated information to the Board within 30 days of the information being updated.	1-Oct-20	In Progress	To be addressed post drilling.
3.12.1	Follow-up and Monitoring	The Proponent shall develop and implement follow-up requirements, pursuant to condition 2.4, to verify the accuracy of the predictions made during the environmental assessment as it pertains to fish and fish habitat, including marine mammals and sea turtles, and to determine the effectiveness of mitigation measures identified under conditions 3.1 to 3.11. As part of these follow-up requirements, for the duration of the drilling program, the Proponent shall: 3.12.1 for every well, measure the concentration of synthetic-based drilling fluids retained on discharged drill cuttings as described in the Offshore Waste Treatment Guidelines to verify that the discharge meets, at a minimum, the performance targets set out in the Guidelines and any applicable legislative requirements, and report the results to the Board;	30-Jul-20	In Progress	To be addressed post drilling.
3.12.2	Follow-up and Monitoring	- 3.12.2: for the first well in each exploration licence, and for any well where drilling is undertaken in an area determined by coral and sponge surveys to be sensitive benthic habitat, and for any well located within a special area designated as such due to the presence of sensitive coral and sponge species, or a location near a special area where drill cuttings dispersion modelling predicts that drill cuttings deposition may have adverse effects, develop and implement, in consultation with Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Board, follow-up requirements to verify the accuracy of the environmental assessment and effectiveness of mitigation measures as they pertain to the effects of cuttings discharges on benthic habitat. Follow-up shall include: - 3.12.2.1: measurement of sediment deposition extent and thickness post-drilling to verify the drill waste deposition modeling predictions; - 3.12.2.2: benthic fauna surveys to verify the effectiveness of mitigation measures; and - 3.12.2.3: The Proponent shall report the information collected, as identified in conditions 3.12.2.1 and 3.12.2.2, including a comparison of modelling results to in situ results, to the Board within 60 days following the drilling of the first well in each exploration licence; and	N/A	N/A	N/A - Wells were previously drilled in EL 1156.
3.12.3	Follow-up and Monitoring	- 3.12.3: for the first well in each exploration licence, develop and implement, in consultation with Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Board, follow-up requirements to verify the accuracy of the environmental assessment as it pertains to underwater noise levels. As part of the development of these follow-up requirements, the Proponent shall determine how underwater noise levels shall be monitored through field measurement by the Proponent during the drilling program and shall provide that information to the Board prior to the start of the drilling program.	N/A	N/A	N/A - Wells were previously drilled in EL 1156.
2.6.1	Follow-up and Monitoring	The Proponent shall, where a follow-up program is a requirement of a condition set out in this Decision Statement: - 2.6.1 conduct the follow-up program according to the information determined pursuant to condition 2.4; - 2.6.2 undertake monitoring and analysis to verify the accuracy of the environmental assessment as it pertains to the particular condition and/or to determine the effectiveness of any mitigation measure(s); - 2.6.3 determine whether modified or additional mitigation measures are required based on the monitoring and analysis undertaken pursuant to condition 2.6.2; and - 2.6.4 if modified or additional mitigation measures are required pursuant to condition 2.6.3, develop and implement these mitigation measures in a timely manner and monitor them pursuant to condition 2.6.2.	Q4 2020	In Progress	SBM on cuttings, Seabird and Marine Mammal protocols were developed and implemented.

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Condition #	Topic	Condition	DATE	Status	Verification Details
5.2	Well Decommissioning	The Proponent shall develop and implement a well and wellhead abandonment plan and submit it to the Board for acceptance at least 30 days prior to abandonment of each well. If the Proponent proposes to abandon a wellhead on the seafloor in a manner that may interfere with Indigenous or commercial fisheries, the Proponent shall develop the wellhead abandonment strategy in consultation with commercial fishers and potentially affected Indigenous groups with fishing licences that overlap with the Designated Project Area, identified in consultation with Fisheries and Oceans Canada.	15-Mar-20	Closed	Our current plans for abandonment will not result in wellheads remaining that will interfere with fishing operations.
	Plans/Procedures				
N/A	Well Decommissioning	N/A	30-Jul-20	Open	- Equinor will not use explosives to remove wellheads, as this does not align with internal technical requirements. - EPCMP and Project Description outlined the wellhead removal strategy, which involves cutting and does not use explosives.
3.9.3	Marine Mammals and Sea Turtles	3.9.3 submit the results of the activities undertaken as part of the marine mammal observation requirements to the Board within 60 days of the end of the vertical seismic surveys.	N/A	Open	Reports for both wells have been submitted.
2.7	Reporting	The Proponent shall, within 90 days of the completion of the drilling program for a single year program, or annually within 90 days of the end of each calendar year of a multi-year drilling program, submit to the Board and the Agency a report, including an executive summary of the report in both official languages. The Proponent shall document in the report: - 2.7.1: the activities undertaken by the Proponent in the reporting year to comply with each of the conditions set out in this Decision Statement; - 2.7.2: how the Proponent complied with condition 2.1; - 2.7.3: for conditions set out in this Decision Statement for which consultation is a requirement, how the Proponent considered any views and information that the Proponent received during or as a result of the consultation; - 2.7.4: the information referred to in conditions 2.4 and 2.5 for each follow-up program; - 2.7.5: the results of the follow-up program requirements identified in conditions 3.12 and 4.3; and - 2.7.6: any modified or additional mitigation measures implemented or proposed to be implemented by the Proponent, as determined under condition 2.6.	30-Oct-20	Open	
5.4	Fisheries Compensation	The Proponent shall report annually to the Board on known incidents of lost or damaged fishing gear attributed to the Designated Project.	1-Dec-20	Open	As per Fisheries compensation plan described earlier.
6.15	Reporting	The Proponent shall report annually to the Board on the effectiveness of operating procedures and cessation of a work or activity thresholds, established for operating in poor weather, high sea state, and sea ice or iceberg conditions. The report shall include a description of any modifications to operations implemented in response to adverse environmental conditions, in accordance with the Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Drilling and Production Regulations.	30-Jun-21	Open	Part of summary documents.
8.1	Compliance Plans				
	Record Keeping	The Proponent shall maintain all records required to demonstrate compliance with the conditions set out in this Decision Statement. The Proponent shall provide the aforementioned records to the Board or the Agency upon demand within a timeframe specified by the Board or the Agency.	Q4 2020	In Progress	Agreed