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Cc: Hofweber, Jim E ENV:EX; Knox, Graham G ENV:EX
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Cheers,
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Hi, all - have reviewed the hearing transcripts for 11-12-12 and 12-12-12 and there is no mention of the UBC/WWF report on fisheries. Krishna hasn't received any notification of this document being accepted as late evidence. The most recent JRP exhibit list, as of yesterday, is dated November 20 2012 so prior to the release of this document.

Ben, will that suffice or do you want me to delve further?

- Hannah

On Wed, Dec 12, 2012 at 2:44 PM, Klear, Krishna EMNG:EX <Krishna.Klear@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
I am in Vanc and have copied Hannah to check the evidence and she will check the hearing transcript as soon as it is posted to the JRP site tomorrow morning.

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Subject: FW: Media on UBC study

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Having read the report, it appears to me to be narrowly constrained by its assumptions (e.g. assuming no spill response), and purpose ("to shed light on project impact" – it is not, and does not pretend to be, unbiased and independently balanced – they are a Fisheries Centre Research organization).

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Given the recent release of the report (yesterday), it would not be in evidence at the Hearing. The deadline for evidence has passed and anything to be added requires a motion and ruling by the JRP.

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Looping in Jim

From: Down, Ted ENV:EX
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MOE's relationship with the UBC Fisheries Centre

- MOE has a small number of staff who occupy office space in the UBC Fisheries Centre. UBC invoices the Ministry annually for the use of this space.
- In the past, this was done as a grant and part of that grant was used to support publication costs of the UBC Fisheries Series. It was not funding for the studies themselves.
- The credit for MOE funding at the bottom of the table of contents page is actually an error as our funds are no longer used for this purpose. This will be corrected.

- Staff sometimes collaborate with UBC faculty on projects but there was no collaboration on the recent study. UBC, as with most universities, operates independently and we are not (and cannot) be aware of all the research they are undertaking.

I managed to track down Rashid Sumaila who is a co-author and Director of the UBC Fisheries Centre.

- He confirmed that there was no MOE grant money involved and that any grant money they receive goes through a legal review to ensure UBC can act independently in its research and findings. This study was funded by WWF
- The study was released today. Rashid indicated that they pushed to have this released as soon as possible so that it could inform the current debate and the work of the Joint Review Panel.
- This is an economic assessment.
 - The researchers looked at the potential impacts to four ocean-based industries (recreation, fisheries, ports and ocean transport) based on 3 scenarios (no spill, small spill, large spill)
 - They also looked at clean-up costs under each of these spill scenarios.
- Much of the data came from work that Enbridge has funded as part of their own assessments

Key messages for MTL-

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I will loop in MEM as the 'economic benefits piece re: NGP ' has been their lead.

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Thanks, I am not even sure who we have that could credibly comment on this. We have some economists in our division, but I doubt they have much insight on this because the impacts are all associated with other ministries (e.g. tourism, agriculture, or the feds).

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Alec/Ted,

Here are some of the media clips coming out of the UBC study. The bulk of them are focused on the economic issue and the potential fallout for secondary industries (fishing, tourism, etc.) rather than the environmental impact of a spill. Cheers.

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Pages 7 through 8 redacted for the following reasons:

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