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**Re: Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture Drilling Program Review – FJMC
concerns with Same Season Relief Well capacity**

Dear Jon,

The FJMC has become aware that the BSEJVDP proponent and Chevron Canada Limited are seeking a decision from the NEB in relation to the Same Season Relief Well equivalency discussion. We are unsure as to what the process might be for how this decision would be taken and why it would be done in advance of the full review exercise. It is our assumption that you will be in contact with NEB in this regard and we would like to provide our position on this issue to assist you. The FJMC remains of the opinion that the Project Description remains incomplete in regard to the 3 pertinent regulatory guidance structures. Furthermore we do not understand how the requirements of the NEB guidelines, which stipulate both a SSRW capacity and containment plan, can be considered in the equivalency discussion. The Committee would appreciate receiving an explanation as to how this clause may be used by the proponent to avoid the SSRW requirement.

In the interim, based on the concerns we have had expressed to us by the Inuvialuit communities in the ISR, the FJMC is opposed to any scenario that might result in an oil under ice situation and supports the requirement for a SSRW plan and capacity for any deep-water drilling in the Beaufort Sea. Should there be any additional information that would affect that statement we would be most pleased to receive it and consider it at our next meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your advice and response in this regard. If any further information is needed from the FJMC at this time please contact Kristin Hynes or Danny Swainson, 867-777-2828, at the Joint Secretariat office in Inuvik.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. V. Gillman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

D. V. Gillman
Chair, Fisheries Joint Management Committee

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