

APPENDIX 4

Issues and Concerns Raised During Public Consultation Program

TABLE 4-1 Summary of the Major Concerns Raised at the Erinville Open House and the Responses to these Concerns from Keltic

Category	Concern	Response
Employment	What employment opportunities will be offered to local workers?	Local workers will be eligible to fill all positions for which they are qualified.
	Will locals be given notice as to what jobs will be available in order to train for them?	A full list of which has already been supplied to the community.
General	Will there be noise-pollution restrictions, such as prohibiting air braking in residential areas?	All provincial regulations will be followed.
	When will it be known if the Project is going to go ahead or not?	An LNG supplier is still being negotiated, and the EA process is still ongoing, but Keltic is committed to the completion of the Project.

TABLE 4-2 Summary of the Major Concerns Raised at the Antigonish Open House and the Responses to these Concerns from Keltic

Category	Concern	Response
Employment	How many post-construction jobs will there be?	There will be approximately 600 direct post-construction jobs.
	How can locals get these jobs? Will local workers be hired preferentially?	Qualified locals may apply for all jobs. Keltic is partnering with other companies for the operations of the plants, and will urge that qualified locals be given preferential treatment.
Safety	Will Goldboro be in danger in the event of an explosion?	Although a large amount of energy is stored in LNG, it cannot be released rapidly enough to cause the overpressures associated with an explosion.
General	Will the Bear Head LNG affect the chances of this Project being completed?	The Bear Head project does not affect the Keltic Project, as the US energy marketplace can accommodate large volumes of gas.
	What are the main reasons for the delays on the Project?	The EA must be approved, and a supply for the LNG must be secured.

TABLE 4-3 Summary of Questions and Responses from Port Bickerton Open House on Proposed Keltic Habitat Compensation Project

Category	Concern	Response
Habitat Compensation	What do you do to improve habitat?	Rock is placed on the seafloor, creating crevices and encouraging algal growth. These conditions approximate natural lobster habitat.
	Have similar habitat compensation projects been done before?	Similar projects have been completed elsewhere in the Maritimes, but no studies have yet been completed to evaluate their effectiveness
	Have there been studies to support these types of compensation projects?	Studies are ongoing in several locations to evaluate similar projects, but none have as yet been completed.
	Why go ahead with this type of compensation when there are no study results supporting their effectiveness?	DFO requires habitat compensation, generally in the vicinity of the project. This project is seen as a viable opportunity to enhance lobster habitat in the area.
	Is the proposed Project area important for lobster at different times of the year?	The chosen site is not considered to be important for lobster productivity in its current state, but is seen as an ideal candidate site for enhancement.
	Should studies be undertaken to investigate year-round habitat use of proposed Project site?	Surveys of the site have occurred inside and outside of the lobster fishing season.
	Is the proposed compensation site the only location that was considered for this Project?	The proposed site is considered the most ideal location for habitat enhancement. Other sites, determined by input from fishers, may be considered.