

Code of practice for the Gully Marine Protected Area

Ovintiv has developed, as part of its environmental protection planning, a code of practice to protect the uniqueness and integrity of the Gully Marine Protected Area (MPA) (see area reference map). This code is not a regulatory requirement and is indicative of Ovintiv's environmental stewardship philosophy and corporate policies.

The Gully is a large submarine canyon approximately 40 kilometres (km) (21.6 nautical miles) east of Sable Island on the edge of the Scotian Shelf. It is unique among canyons of the Eastern Canadian margin because of its depth, steep slopes and extension back into the continental shelf. The Gully contains a rich diversity of marine habitats and species, including deep-sea corals and the endangered northern bottlenose whale (*Hyperoodon ampullatus*). The area is nationally and globally acknowledged as an important and exceptional marine habitat.

The Gully has been designated by the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) as an MPA under the Oceans Act in 2004, and comprises an area of 2,364 square km (913 square miles). The MPA regulations prohibit the disturbance, damage, destruction or removal of any living marine organism or habitat within the Gully. The MPA contains three management zones, each providing varying levels of protection based on conservation objectives and ecological sensitivities. The regulations also control human activities in areas around the Gully that could cause harmful effects within the MPA boundary. Ovintiv is represented on the Gully Advisory Committee chaired by DFO.

As part of its environmental stewardship with respect to the Gully MPA:

- Ovintiv will not conduct activities inside the Gully MPA. In addition, no vessels are permitted within the Gully MPA and aircraft in regular transit to and from any vessels, drilling units, or facilities are restricted to flying at a height of at least 500 metres (1640 feet). These restrictions apply unless it is required for purposes of safety or safe operation of a vessel/aircraft or as part of an approved environmental monitoring program.
- Ovintiv will include discussion of this code of practice in its environmental awareness training program for its personnel. Ovintiv intends this code to be a living document and will review and update it as required.

