Code of practice for Country Island

Ovintiv has developed, as part of its environmental protection planning, a code of practice to protect the uniqueness and integrity of the Roseate tern colony of Country Island (see area reference map). While the focus is on Country Island, the code will also serve to protect nearby seabird colonies. This code is not a regulatory requirement and is indicative of Ovintiv's environmental stewardship philosophy and corporate policies.

Country Island is a 19 hectare (ha) island, located approximately eight kilometres (km) (five miles or 4.3 nautical miles) offshore from Goldboro, Nova Scotia (45º06'N, 61º32'W). The island hosts a sizeable breeding colony of Common and Arctic terns and has provided a nesting opportunity for the endangered Roseate tern (*Sterna dougallii*) for many years. The Roseate is the tern species most at risk in northeastern North America. In 2009, the number of Roseate terns breeding in Canada had declined to 72 pairs, mainly on two colonies in Nova Scotia, i.e. Country Island and The Brothers.

Country Island has been identified as critical habitat for the Roseate tern by Environment Canada in its recovery strategy (Amended Recovery Strategy for the Roseate Tern (Sterna dougallii) in Canada, 2010) under the *Species at Risk Act*. This designation includes the entire terrestrial habitat of the island as well as aquatic habitat extending 200 metres (656 feet) seaward from the mean high tide line.

As part of its environmental stewardship with respect to Country Island:

- Ovintiv will not fly over, disembark or approach within 2km (one nautical mile) of Country Island (which encompasses the Roseate tern designated critical habitat) unless it is required for purposes of safety or safe operation of a vessel or 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.