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Nunavut Water Board P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, Nunavut X0B 1J0 c/o Phyllis Beaulieu Via E-mail to: licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org

Dear Ms. Beaulieu:

Subject: Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Comments on the Nunavut Water Board's Draft Supplemental Information Guidelines for Municipal Undertakings (SIG-MU1)

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) received the Nunavut Water Board's (NWB) request for review and comment on the draft SIG-MU1 on December 4, 2009. DFO has reviewed the guidelines and provide the following comments.

As you are aware, DFO is the federal department responsible for developing and implementing policies and programs in support of Canada's scientific, ecological, social and economic interests in oceans and freshwater.

## 6.0 Water Use:

Section No. 46 - DFO would like to thank the NWB for suggesting the applicant consult with us regarding fish and fish habitat issues. DFO suggests that the NWB also add that the applicant visit our website (<a href="http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/habitat/habitat-eng.htm">http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/habitat/habitat-eng.htm</a>), as there is many useful tools (e.g. Guidelines, Position Statements and Operation Statements) available for the applicant to use.

## Appendix A: Additional Source Documents to Assist the Applicant

Guidelines and Policies – The "Habitat Conservation and Protection Guidelines (1998)" has been replaced by several documents, which can be found on the DFO website under the Standard Operating Policies section. DFO suggest the NWB add DFO's website (<a href="http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/habitat/habitat-eng.htm">http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/habitat/habitat-eng.htm</a>) to the appendix.



In closing, DFO would like to thank the NWB for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft SIG-MU1. If there are any questions or clarification needed on any of the provided comments, please contact me at (905) 639-4396.

Sincerely,

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