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**NU-11-0037**

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Nunavut Impact Review Board  
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Dear Ms. Granchinho:

**Subject: DFO Comments, - Nanisivik Naval Facility**

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) received this project proposal from the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) on September 12, 2011. The proponent of this project is the Department of National Defence and the project involves an upgrade to the Nansivik Naval Facility. DFO has assigned the following referral title and project numbers to this project.

Referral File No.:	<b>11-HCAA-CA7-00037</b>
Habitat File No.:	<b>NU-11-0037</b>
Referral Title:	<b>Nanasivik Naval Facility Upgrade, Arctic Bay</b>

Based on the information provided, we have concluded that this project will result in the harmful alteration, disruption and destruction of fish habitat. The harmful alteration, disruption and destruction of fish habitat is prohibited unless authorized by DFO pursuant to subsection 35(2) of the *Fisheries Act*.

In reviewing this proposal, DFO will consider the Department's Policy for the Management of Fish Habitat, which provides that no authorizations be issued unless acceptable measures for any fish habitat loss's are developed and implemented by the proponent. The proponent should develop a fish habitat offsetting plan to compensate for the fish habitat that will be destroyed or harmfully altered as a result of the wharf upgrade project. Through the review of this project, DFO will work with the proponent to mitigate any potential impacts to fish and fish habitat that may result from construction or operation of this upgraded wharf structure.

If you have any questions concerning the above or would like to discuss in greater detail please contact me directly by telephone at (403) 292-8675 by email at Robert.Bedingfield@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Sincerely,



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