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RE: Southampton Island Caribou Harvest - 1BF-SOU0709 License Amendment

Environment Canada would like to thank the Nunavut Water Board for the opportunity to provide further input into their review of the Southampton Island Caribou Harvest project proposal. Given that the Fisheries Act 36(3) is a mandate of EC, the protection of surrounding water bodies through appropriate waste disposal is a high priority for EC.

EC recognizes it was unclear on its original recommendations and would like to take this opportunity to clarify the following:

- Any sumps **created for the disposal grey water and black water**, shall be located above the high water mark of any water body and in such a manner as to prevent the contents from entering any water body frequented by fish. Further, all sumps shall be backfilled upon completion of the field season and contoured to match the surrounding landscape.
- EC recommends that camp waste, **including hides, bones, carcasses, shavings etc.** be made inaccessible to wildlife at all times and that waste should be securely stored in odour proof plastic containers before transporting off-site to an approved disposal facility.

EC agrees with Steve Pinksen and recommends that all waste created from the caribou harvest be back hauled to the community of Coral Harbour for proper disposal at an approved disposal facility. In addition, EC has no concerns with the Department of the Environment, Government of Nunavut applying a condition that no waste be left out on the land, and that all of it be brought back to the dump and buried.

If there are any changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email at cindy.parker@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

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