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**RE: Application for Approval to Conduct DEW Line Site Clean up near
Qitiktarjuaq (Broughton Island), Nunavut.**

Dear Ms. Belanger-Fontaine,

This will acknowledge that the proposal by Defence Construction Canada, to conduct excavation near marine foreshore areas, in conjunction with DEW line clean up of the Fox-5 site. The proposal was received the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Fish Habitat Management – Nunavut Area (DFO-FHM).

Based on the information provided, it appears that the project may result in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat due to excavation in and around the marine foreshore area. This is prohibited unless authorized by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans pursuant to Section 35(2) of the *Fisheries Act*. A decision to issue an Authorization will trigger DFO-FHM to conduct a Preliminary Screening according to the *Nunavut Impact Review Board's Operational Procedures*.

Often, physical impacts to fish habitat can be mitigated by specific modifications or actions incorporated into the project design and construction procedures, thereby eliminating the need for an Authorization. If, however, there will be impacts on fish habitat that cannot be avoided through mitigation alone, an Authorization will be required. In keeping with the Department's *Policy for the Management of Fish Habitat (DFO 1986)*, no Authorizations will be issued unless acceptable measures for fish habitat compensation and their implementation are developed. Furthermore, no authorizations will be issued in cases where the loss of a specific habitat type is considered unacceptable.

Specialized information relating to fish and fish habitat may be required to complete the review of this project. To facilitate and expedite this review process please complete and sign the attached *Application for Works or Undertakings*

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Affecting Fish Habitat including as much information relevant to fish and fish habitat as possible. If upon receipt of the completed application, it is determined that additional information is required DFO-FHM will contact you requesting the specific information that is limiting. Once review under the *Fisheries Act* and the *Nunavut Impact Review Board's Operational Procedures* is complete you will be notified by DFO-FHM in writing with either a letter of advice or a *Fisheries Act* Authorization.

Any works or undertakings related to this project that occur in or around water that proceed prior to written approval or Authorization from DFO-FHM may be seen as contravening the *Fisheries Act*.

Please note: some projects may require a review under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA).

If you have any questions or comments relating to this letter, feel free to contact me at (867) 979-8007, or by fax at (867) 979-8039.

Sincerely,

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Pete Quinn- Defence Construction Canada
Gladys Joudrey- Nunavut Impact Review Board
Dionne Filiatrault- Nunavut Water Board
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Attached: *Application for Works or Undertakings Affecting Fish Habitat*