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Your file Votre référence 180405/1BR-RES1626

Our file Notre référence 18-HCAA-00486

Ida Porter Licence Administrator Nunavut Water Board PO Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NT

Subject: Water Taking, Old Freshwater Lake, Resolute Island, Qikiqtani Region,

**NU- Serious Harm to Fish and Prohibited Effects on Listed Aquatic** 

Species at Risk Can Be Avoided or Mitigated

Dear Ms. Porter.:

The Fisheries Protection Program (the Program) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) received the proposal for the amendment water license application for Resolution Island Long Term Monitoring Project on April 5, 2018. We understand that INAC proposes to:

• Take water for up to 10,000 L/day over 14 weeks in 2018 and 2019.

Our review considered the following information:

• 180405/1BR-RES1626 Distribution Review & Comment Request INAC Amendment Application Qikiqtani Region-OAAE and application documents submitted by Ida Porter (Nunavut Water Board) on April 5, 2018.

Your proposal has been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to result in serious harm to fish which is prohibited under subsection 35(1) of the *Fisheries Act* unless authorized. Your proposal has also been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to affect listed aquatic species at risk, any part of their critical habitat or the residences of their individuals in a manner which is prohibited under sections 32, 33 and subsection 58(1) of the *Species at Risk Act*, unless authorized.

Provided that your plans are implemented in the manner, and during the timeframe, described, the Program has determined that your proposal will not result in serious harm to fish or prohibited effects on listed aquatic species at risk. As such, an authorization under the *Fisheries Act* or a permit under the *Species at Risk Act* is not required.



Should your plans change or if you have omitted some information in your proposal, further review by the Program may be required. Consult our website (<a href="http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html">http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html</a>) or consult with a qualified environmental consultant to determine if further review may be necessary. It remains your responsibility to avoid causing serious harm to fish in compliance with the *Fisheries Act*, and avoid prohibited effects on listed aquatic species at risk, any part of their critical habitat or the residences of their individuals in compliance with the *Species at Risk Act*.

It is also your *Duty to Notify* DFO if you have caused, or are about to cause, serious harm to fish that are part of or support a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery. Such notifications should be directed to <a href="http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/violation-infraction/index-eng.html">http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/violation-infraction/index-eng.html</a>.

A copy of this letter should be kept on site while the work is in progress. It remains your responsibility to meet all other federal, territorial, provincial and municipal requirements that apply to your proposal.

If you have any questions with the content of this letter, please contact our Burlington office by email at Fisheries.Protection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. Please refer to the file number referenced above when corresponding with the Program.

Yours sincerely,

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