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RE: 3BC-LEP---- Water License for Landscape Evolution Paleoecology Project

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Natalia Rybczynski, of the Canadian Museum of Nature, has applied for a water license from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for a research project field camp. Project activities include the collection of fossil materials near the Houghton Crater site on Devon Island and near the Eureka Station on Ellesmere Island. The location of the field camp has been changed, Ellef Ringnes Island on the initial application, to Meighen Island (Bjaere Bay).

EC has no issues with the change to the camp location provided the proponent follows mitigation measures outlined in the application and in the letter submitted on behalf of EC on 21 May 2010 (see attached). If there are any additional changes to 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 Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

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