

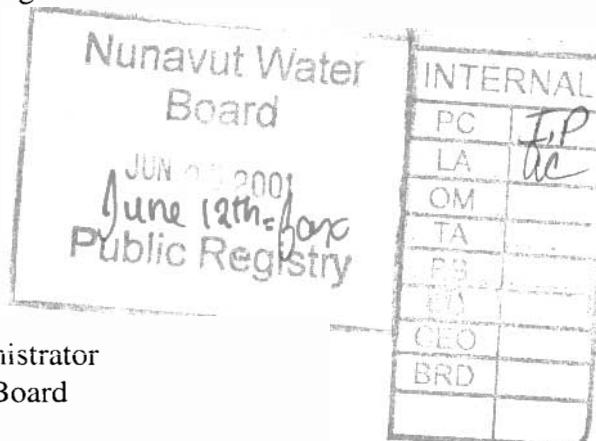


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Dear Ms. Becker:

Re: Water Licence Application for Second Crossing of Aliaruhik River

The Water Resources Division has reviewed the water licence application for the above-mentioned undertaking. In general, the water-related aspects of this project have been addressed by the provisions made in this application. However, the following comments are offered for consideration of the Board.

In-stream crossings related to construction activities should be conducted only as absolutely necessary, with construction undertaken from the shore area as much as possible. The crossing should be at the shallowest point, and should be selected to avoid damage/erosion of the bank and damage to shoreline vegetation; repeated crossings should occur at the same location. In addition, all sites affected by construction activities should be stabilized, landscaped as necessary, and suitable erosion control measures implemented to minimize sediment deposition into the Aliaruhik River. Downstream silt fences should be used during construction to mitigate the effects of debris fallout and streambed disturbance.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number above or by e-mail at johnsonmi@inac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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