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Re: Comments on Interim Construction Report and Request for Extension of the Completion Date for Works Affecting Fish Habitat - NWB4PEL- Jivko Engineering for the Community Government and Transportation - Aliaruhik River Crossings Kugaaruk (Pelly Bay), Nunavut.

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the above interim report and request for an extension. Our contribution to the assessment of this project is based primarily on Environment Canada's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)*, section 36 of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Canadian Wildlife Act*, and the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*.

Environment Canada's has no concerns with the interim report or a request for an extension. However, EC recommends that the proponent ensure that any chemicals, fuel or wastes associated with the proposed project do not enter waters frequented by fish.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at (867) 975-4639 or by email at lawrence.ignace@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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