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NIRB File No.: NU-00-0068

NWB File No.: Jericho Site

Stabilization Plan

Our file Notre référence

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Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB)
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Dear NIRB and NWB:

Subject: Screening – Jericho Mine Site Stabilization Project

As directed by the NIRB and the NWB in their letters dated respectively November 4, 2016, and February 15, 2017, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is providing the following comments with respect to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)'s Jericho Mine Site Stabilization project in the Kitikmeot Region.

DFO has reviewed INAC's project to determine whether it is likely to result in serious harm to fish, which is prohibited under subsection 35(1) of the *Fisheries Act*. DFO recommends that the project follow our *measures to avoid causing harm to fish and fish habitat*, which can be found at: <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/measures-mesures/index-eng.html>.

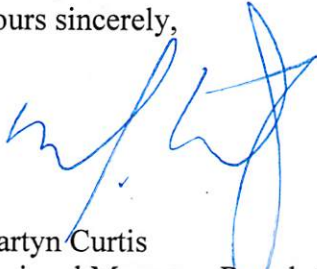
Provided that these mitigation measures are incorporated into your plans, the Program is of the view that your proposal will not result in serious harm to fish. No formal approval is required from the Program under the *Fisheries Act* in order to proceed with your proposal.

If your plans have changed or if the description of your proposal is incomplete, or changes in the future, you should consult our website (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>) or consult with a qualified environmental consultant to determine if further review is required by the Program.

Please notify this office at least 10 days before starting your project. A copy of this letter should be kept on site while the work is in progress.

If you have any questions, please contact Sally Wong at (867) 669-4934, or by email at Sally.Wong@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. Please refer to the file number referenced above when corresponding with DFO.

Yours sincerely,



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