



NIRB File No. 08YN017
Related NIRB File No. 05AN070

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Via email: jennie.rausch@ec.gc.ca

Re: Application Acknowledgement for Jennie Rausch, CWS's amendment request with CWS for "Arctic Shorebird Monitoring Program"

Dear Jennie Rausch:

On April 23, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral for screening from the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) for an amendment to Jennie Rausch, CWS's "Arctic Shorebird Monitoring Program" project. The current project proposal includes the following authorizations:

- Scientific Permit (Canadian Wildlife Service)
- Wildlife Research Permit (Government of Nunavut)
- Water Use Licence (Nunavut Water Board)
- Access to Inuit Owned Lands License (Kitikmeot Inuit Association)

Please be advised that components of the current project proposal may have been previously screened under NIRB file numbers 05AN070 and 08YN017. These proposals were screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and on June 7, 2005 and April 2, 2008 the NIRB issued the enclosed 12.4.4(a) screening decisions to the Honourable Minister of Environment indicating the proposed projects could proceed subject to NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions. Project components/activities included in the screenings of 05AN070 and 08YN017 were as follows:

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- Location: Queen Maud Migratory Bird Sanctuary
- Transport of 10 people by Twin Otter to the Queen Maud Migratory Bird Sanctuary
- Helicopter transport of ground crews to temporary camp sites
- Ground surveying for shorebirds
- Daily helicopter transport to survey sites

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- Location: Arviat and Baker Lake area
- Ground surveying for shorebirds
- Aerial surveying for shorebirds within a 200 km radius of both Baker Lake and Arviat
- Two field crews (two people each) to overnight in Baker Lake and Arviat
- Daily transportation of field crew by helicopter from Baker Lake and Arviat to study area
- On-site transportation via ATV and by foot
- Production and burial of human wastes in the field

Current Proposal

Jennie Rausch, CWS is currently proposing to amend the “Arctic Shorebird Monitoring Program” project to include the following components/activities:

- Three (3) year period of authorization (June 1 – August 15 each year)
- Two (2) temporary camps for use by 6 people each (12 people total) for 12 days
- Two (2) temporary camps for use by 3 people each (6 people total) for 34 days
- Aerial and ground surveys throughout the Nunavut portion of Victoria Island, King William Island and surrounding areas
- Transport of personnel and equipment by Twin Otter and helicopter
- Temporary fuel caching with portable berms
- Removal of all combustible and non-combustible wastes

The NIRB has determined that this request may result in a change to the original scope of the project as screened under NIRB file numbers 05AN070 and 08YN017. The current applications and the original NIRB screening files are available from NIRB’s ftp site at the following link: http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2008_SCREENINGS/08YN017-Vicky%20Johnston/1-SCREENING/.

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

“Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:

- (a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or*
- (b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project.”*

The NIRB is of the opinion that the request for the amendment to this project is not likely to significantly change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore the NIRB is proposing to re-issue the same terms and conditions as those in the attached screening decisions for NIRB file numbers 05AN070 (June 7, 2005) and 08YN017 (April 2, 2005), along with any new terms and conditions the NIRB considers appropriate. The NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by this project and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **May 13, 2010**.

The NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- whether the proposed component or activity was a part of the original proposal;
- whether its inclusion would significantly modify the project;
- any additional mitigation measures that are appropriate; and
- any other matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax to **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Li Wan, Technical Advisor at lwan@nirb.ca or by phone (867) 983-4606.

Sincerely,



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Director, Technical Services
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Distribution List
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Enclosed: Comment Forms (English and Inuinnaqtun)
NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No. 05AN070 (June 7, 2005)
NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No. 08YN017 (April 2, 2005)