



NIRB File No.: EX149
NWB File No.: 3BC-EIS

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Sent via Email: licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org

Re: Application Exempt from Screening pursuant to NLCA Schedule 12-1: McGill University - Sean Desjardins' "Ethnoarchaeology of Inuit Sea-Mammal Hunting" project proposal, Oikiqtani Region

Dear Phyllis Beaulieu:

On May 2, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a Type B Water Licence application from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for McGill University - Sean Desjardins' (the Proponent) "Ethnoarchaeology of Inuit Sea-Mammal Hunting" project proposal.

Please be advised that this project proposal is exempt from screening pursuant to items 1 and 5 of Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), *Types of Project Proposals Exempt from Screening*:

NLCA Schedule 12-1 (5):

"Water uses that do not require a public hearing under Section 13.7.3"

NLCA Schedule 12-1 (7):

"Such other categories of activities and projects as may be agreed upon by NIRB and the appropriate Minister."

As this project proposal is exempt from the requirement for Screening by NIRB, authorizations associated with this proposal may be processed by your office. If this application is associated with a project proposal which has previously been screened by the NIRB, the NIRB's Screening Decision Report may contain recommendations which are relevant to your organization. Screening Decision Reports can be accessed online from NIRB's public registry using the following link: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/>.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at tarko@nirb.ca or 867-983-4611.

Sincerely,



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