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**Subject:** Meadowbank FEIS Conformity Meeting

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to respond to your letter, dated November 25, 2005 regarding the FEIS Conformity Meeting, scheduled for December 15, 2005. DFO's understanding of the intent of this meeting is to discuss the deficiencies arising from NIRB's internal conformity review, the submission filing timelines and any other matters relevant to the Meadowbank review.

DFO would be interested in participating but would like to note that our review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement is incomplete and we may not be in position at that time to comment or provide recommendations on several areas identified by NIRB as not conforming. DFO would suggest that a detailed agenda for the meeting be prepared as soon as possible to allow all parties to better prepare and focus on the issues to be discussed. Furthermore, DFO recommends that a conference call would be an appropriate means to discuss the conformity issues.

Should you wish to discuss further, I can be contacted at (867)979-8011, by fax (867) 979-8039 or by e-mail: [moggyd@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:moggyd@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

Yours sincerely,

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