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Dear Ms. Beaulieu:

**SUBJECT: Final Nunavut Water Board Hearing for the Meadowbank Gold Mine
Project – Fisheries and Oceans Canada Intervention Comments**

Under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, DFO participates in the regulatory review process led by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). In this context, DFO has reviewed the Type A Water License application, supporting documents and technical meeting information supplement, as submitted by Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited for impacts to fish and fish habitat, as it relates to our mandate under the federal *Fisheries Act* and in context of our national *Policy for the Management of Fish Habitat*.

DFO respectfully submits the following intervention comments as expert advice to the NWB to assist in their review of the Meadowbank Gold Mine project.

Please contact Amy Liu at (867) 979-8007 or by fax at (867) 979-8039 should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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