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Nunavut Water Board  
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Via email to: richard.dwyer@nwb-oen.ca

**Subject:    Comment Request for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Meliadine Gold  
Mine Design Report - Culverts at the Exploration Road and AWAR**

Dear Richard Dwyer,

The Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program (FFHPP) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) received your request for comments on June 26, 2025. DFO has reviewed the above Design Report in regards to its mandate, related to the management, protection and conservation of fish and their habitats.

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) invited parties to submit comments by July 17, 2025. DFO provides the following for the NWB's consideration.

<b>Comment Number:</b>	DFO-1
<b>Subject/Topic:</b>	Culvert installation
<b>References:</b>	TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM - MELIADINE MINE – IFC DESIGN OF THREE WATERCOURSE CROSSINGS (KM 1.1 ON THE EXPLORATION CAMP ACCESS ROAD AND KM 15.4 AND KM 8.8 ON THE ALL-WEATHER ACCESS ROAD); and  Letter of Advice to AEM dated March 20, 2025; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited Meliadine Mine EXPLO and AWAR Crossings– Implementation of Measures to Avoid and

	Mitigate the Potential for Prohibited Effects to Fish and Fish Habitat
<b>Comment:</b>	During the DFO Request for Review process, it was discussed that boulder clusters would be added at 5 m intervals within culvert EXPLO1.1, to facilitate fish passage. The Design Plan does not include this detail.
<b>Conclusion/Request:</b>	To clarify if AEM still intends to include the installation of boulder clusters at 5m intervals at EXPLO 1.1, as recommended by DFO in their letter of advice to AEM dated March 20, 2025. If not, to provide rational as to why.

If you have any questions with the content of this letter, please contact myself by phone at 403-827-6781, or by email at [Derek.Donald@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:Derek.Donald@dfo-mpo.gc.ca). Please refer to the file number referenced above when corresponding with the Program.

Sincerely,



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