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## 2AM-MRY2540 - Surface Water and Aquatic Ecosystem Management Plan (SWAEMP)

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Good afternoon,

The NWB acknowledges Baffinland's statement that the Surface Water and Aquatic Ecosystem Management Plan (SWAEMP) will be revised to include the water quality evaluation criteria/decision rules used under the Tote Road Monitoring Program (TRMP), along with a summary of the TRMP action levels and the associated action-response framework. Baffinland noted that the updated SWAEMP with inclusions discussed during the review process will be submitted with the 2025 QIA-NWB Annual Report for Operations on March 31, 2026.

The NWB, however, advises the Licensee to submit the updated SWAEMP separately from the Annual Report, using a different cover. The updated SWAEMP will be approved separately from the Annual Report so that it is ready for implementation during the 2026 open water season, without having to wait for the Annual Report review process to be completed.

The Licensee can still submit the updated SWAEMP with the 2025 Annual Report as part of the Annual Report package to support their reporting for 2025 operations.

Regards,

Robert Hunter  
Licensing Administrator