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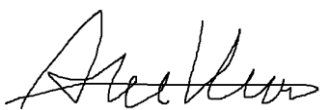
To  
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Dear Robert,

Please see below for response to DFO regarding the Amendment Application for Water Licence No: 2BE-CPM2527.

*Thank you to Fisheries and Oceans Canada for reviewing the Coppermine Project Type B Amendment Application. The proponent notes that DFO-FFHPP has no comments or recommendations at this time and confirms that project activities will continue to follow applicable DFO protective measures for fish and fish habitat and relevant standard codes of practice, including the use of screened water intakes and measures to avoid fish mortality and impacts to fish habitat. The proponent also acknowledges its ongoing duty to notify DFO if project activities have caused, or are about to cause, the death of fish by means other than fishing, or the harmful alteration, disruption, or destruction of fish habitat.*

Sincerely,



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*Your file*      *Votre référence*  
2BE-CPM2527

**Subject:      Coppermine Project, Type B Amendment Application, File Number  
2BE-CPM2527**

To whom it may concern,

On March 2, 2026, the Nunavut Water Board invited parties to comment on the Coppermine Project, Type B Amendment Application, File Number 2BE-CPM2527. The Fish and Fish Habitat Program of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (FFHPP-DFO) appreciates the opportunity to review the application and offers a comment below.

**Comment**


The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program (DFO-FFHPP) has reviewed the Coppermine Project, Type B Amendment Application, File Number 2BE-CPM2527 Application in accordance with DFO's mandate and has no comments or recommendations at this time.

**Recommendation**

However, it remains the proponents responsibility to review and follow DFO's protective measures for fish and fish habitat and standard codes of practice which can be found on DFO's website (<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/ mesures-mesures-eng.html> and <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/practice-pratique-eng.html>).

It is also the proponent's Duty to Notify DFO if they have caused, or are about to cause, the death of fish by means other than fishing and/or the harmful alteration, disruption, or the destruction of fish habitat. Such notification should be directed to [DFO.ARCEMTriage-TriageGEARC.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:DFO.ARCEMTriage-TriageGEARC.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca)

Yours sincerely,

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