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**RE: Comments Response for Greenridge Exploration Inc. Nut Lake Property, Fisheries and Ocean's Canada's Review of the New Type B Water Licence Application for Nut Lake Project**

Greenridge Exploration Inc. (Greenridge) has reviewed the comments provided by Sarah Pakozdi – Biologist, Fish and Fish Habitat Program of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (FFHPP-DFO) regarding the New Type B Water Licence Application for Nut Lake Project. Greenridge appreciates the time and effort dedicated by these agencies and individuals in reviewing the proposed Project activities and providing their comments.

At the current proposed 2026 program at the Nut Lake Project, Greenridge does not expect to execute drill programs during winter or in areas that are considered “ice-covered” waterbodies. If in the following years, **although highly very unlikely**, that Greenridge plans to execute drill programs during winter or in areas that are considered “ice-covered” waterbodies, Greenridge will notify DFO and strictly follow the document attached in the comments titled “DFO Protocol for Winter Water Withdrawal from Ice-covered Waterbodies in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut”

Greenridge places impacts towards aquatic life and aquatic habitat with utmost importance and is determined to follow the recommendations suggested by Sara Pakozdi regarding water withdrawal activities from multiple unnamed lakes/ponds for the duration of the project for drilling purposes at the Nut Lake Project. As such, the following will be adhered to during the 2026 program and any and all programs following:

- Follow the fish and fish habitat protection measures and applicable codes of practice issued by Fisheries and Oceans Canada.
- Respect in-water work timing windows established for Nunavut to avoid disturbing fish during spawning, incubation, and early life stages.
- Use fish-protection intake screens that meet DFO's interim code of practice when pumping freshwater at rates up to 0.150 m<sup>3</sup>/s (150 L/s).

- Limit water withdrawals from streams or rivers so that rates remain below 10% of instantaneous flow and do not reduce flows below 30% of mean annual discharge.
- For winter withdrawals, follow DFO's winter water withdrawal protocol (developed for the **Northwest Territories**) and remove no more than 10% of under-ice water volume.
- Submit a request for DFO review if project activities meet the criteria for a site-specific review.
- Notify DFO immediately if project activities cause, or may cause, fish mortality or the harmful alteration, disruption, or destruction of fish habitat.

The statement above has been added to Section 4.2 of the "Greenridge Nut Lake Property Environmental and Wildlife Management Plan" which previously also states:

To safeguard aquatic life on the Nut Lake Property, the following measures are implemented:

- Activities in and around waterbodies must be conducted in ways that prevent disturbance to aquatic life and their habitats.
- Waterlines must be properly positioned and screened as per the "Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Screen Guideline" from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).
- No wastes, including from exploration camps, are permitted to enter water bodies.
- Sumps, fuel caches, and camps must maintain a distance of at least 100 meters from the high-water mark of any water body, unless authorized otherwise by regulatory authorities.
- Fishing while representing Greenridge Exploration is strictly prohibited.

Additionally, the Greenridge Exploration Property is not situated near any aquatic species at risk or their critical habitats, according to the "Aquatic Species at Risk Maps" provided by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.