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RE: NWB2WLS – Strongbow Exploration Inc. - Wales Island Project

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to Environment Canada's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Strongbow Exploration Inc. is proposing to amend their current land use permit to establish a small, temporary camp designed to accommodate a maximum of 8 people for approximately six weeks.

Environment Canada requires the following information in order to facilitate the review of this application:

- The method in which camp greywater and sewage will be disposed of. If sumps are to be used, a map indicating the location of any such sumps should be submitted;
- The location of any fuel caches required for the operation of the camp;
- Information regarding how combustible camp wastes will be disposed of; and
- The existing Spill Contingency Plan and Abandonment and Restoration Plan should be updated to include the existence of the new camp.

Environment Canada recommends that the following conditions be applied throughout all stages of the project:

- The proponent shall not deposit, nor permit the deposit of any fuel, wastes or sediment into any water body. According to the Fisheries Act, Section 36(3), the deposition of deleterious substances of any type in water frequented by fish, or in any place under any conditions where the deleterious substance, or any other deleterious substance that results from the deposit of the deleterious substance, may enter any such water, is prohibited.
- Environment Canada recommends the use of an approved incinerator for the disposal of combustible camp wastes. The proponent shall ensure that non-combustible wastes receive proper treatment and disposal at an approved facility.
- The proponent shall not store materials on the surface ice of lakes or streams, except that which is for immediate use.



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- Environment Canada recommends that all activities be conducted outside the migratory bird breeding season, which extends from approximately June 1-July 15. These dates are approximate, and if active nests (i.e., nests containing eggs or young) are encountered outside of these dates, the proponent should avoid the area until nesting is complete (i.e., the young have left the nest). Paragraph 6(a) of the *Migratory Birds Regulations* state that no one shall disturb or destroy the nests or eggs of migratory birds.

All other recommendations made on Strongbow Exploration Inc.'s original application for this project are still applicable. If there are any changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4639 or by email at colette.spagnuolo@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

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