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19-HCAA-00683

Licence Administrator
Nunavut Water Board
PO Box 119
Gjoa Haven, NT

Dear Ms. Porter:

Subject: Serious harm to fish can be avoided or mitigated - Comment Request for Rio Algom Wolverine Project Type B Water License Application

The Fisheries Protection Program (the Program) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada received the Wolverine Project proposal for a new Type B water license for BHP Holdings (Rio Algom) on May 13, 2019.

The proposal has been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to result in serious harm to fish which is prohibited under subsection 35(1) of the *Fisheries Act* unless authorized. The proposal has also been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to affect listed aquatic species at risk, any part of their critical habitat or the residences of their individuals in a manner which is prohibited under sections 32, 33 and subsection 58(1) of the *Species at Risk Act*, unless authorized.

Provided that the plans are implemented in the manner, and during the timeframe, described, the Program has determined that the proposal will not result in serious harm to fish or prohibited effects on listed aquatic species at risk. As such, an authorization under the *Fisheries Act* or a permit under the *Species at Risk Act* is not required.

Should the plans change or if the proponent omitted some information in the proposal such that the proposal meets the criteria for a site specific review, as described on our website (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>), they should complete and submit the request for review form that is also available on the website.

It is your Duty to Notify DFO-FPP if you have caused, or are about to cause, serious harm to fish that are part of or support a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery. Such notifications should be directed to <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/contact-eng.html>.

If you have any questions please contact Sara Eddy at our Burlington office at 905-336-4535 or by email at Sara.Eddy@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Wren".

Lisa Wren
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