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15	(PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED AT 7:14 PM)		
16	THE CHAIR:	Once again, welcome back. My	
17	name is Thomas Kabloona, and I'm the Chair of the		
18	Nunavut Water Board. Before we proceed with the		
19	hearing, let us begin with a prayer. And I would like		
20	to ask David Aglukark Sr. to do the opening prayer.		
21	Opening Prayer		
22	Opening Remarks by the Chair		
23	THE CHAIR:	Thank you.	
24	On behalf of the Nur	navut Water Board, I welcome	
25	you to this community ses	ssion in Rankin Inlet. This is	
26	a continuation of proceed	dings that began earlier today.	

- 1 This portion of the proceedings is to give members of
- 2 the community of Rankin Inlet further opportunity to
- 3 provide their comments to the Board regarding the
- 4 proposal to withdraw water from Char River and pump it
- 5 to Nipissar Lake.
- 6 I am the Chair of this panel. With me this
- 7 evening are members of the panel -- are Board members,
- 8 Ross Mrazek to my right, and to my left, David Aglukark
- 9 Sr.
- 10 Introductions of Nunavut Water Board and Staff
- 11 THE CHAIR: Several staff members who have
- 12 contributed to the NWB's administration and the
- 13 technical review of the application are present, along
- 14 with the NWB legal counsel. I will introduce the
- 15 individuals attending today: Damien Côté, executive
- 16 director; David Hohnstein, director of technical
- 17 services; Karén Kharatyan, technical advisor; Robin
- 18 Ikkutisluk, licencing administrator; Craig Boyer with
- 19 Shores Jardine LLP, legal counsel to the Board. In
- 20 addition, we have two interpreters available for
- 21 simultaneous translation, Ben Kogvik, secretary to the
- 22 Board; and local interpreter Mary Rose Angoshadluk. To
- 23 ensure an accurate record of the proceeding, we have
- 24 with us a court reporter, Christy Longacre. To assist
- 25 Christy, I ask that all parties please state their name
- 26 prior to speaking. Last but not least, we also have

- 1 Ryan Dempster from PIDO, our sound technician for this
- 2 community session.
- In the past, parties in other proceedings have
- 4 approached the media prior to the release of the
- 5 Board's decision, suggesting comments about what the
- 6 Board was going to do, either procedurally or in terms
- 7 of a final result. Since the Board cannot comment on
- 8 pending matters, either by confirming or denying to the
- 9 media, the accuracy of the statement of others, the
- 10 Board would appreciate if all parties would refrain
- 11 from any such comments that may imply a written action
- 12 or decision by the Board. Board members will not
- 13 discuss the hearing or the matters before the Board
- 14 with the intervening parties or the media.
- I will provide a brief history of application
- 16 before the Board. On June 9, 2010, the NWB issued a
- 17 Type "A" Municipal Licence to GN-CGS to authorize the
- 18 use of water and operation of water supply facilities,
- 19 Utilidor, and sewage treatment facility for the hamlet
- 20 of Rankin Inlet. The minister subsequently approved
- 21 the issuance of the licence on July 28, 2010.
- The licence authorized the use of 850,000 cubic
- 23 metres of water annually for municipal purposes. Water
- 24 is drawn from Nipissar year round. Annual water usage
- 25 was reported by applicant as being 603,234 cubic metres
- 26 for 2013.

- 1 The Nipissar Lake natural replenishment is
- 2 reported to be about 311,789 cubic metres. The
- 3 shortfall of water at Nipissar Lake in 2013 would be
- 4 approximately 291,445 cubic metres.
- 5 On August 12, 2012, the Board received an
- 6 amendment application from Stantec on behalf of GN-CGS
- 7 to obtain the Board's authorization for additional
- 8 water to be withdrawn each summer from Char River,
- 9 exiting Lower Landing Lake, and to be pumped to
- 10 Nipissar Lake. Additional supporting information was
- 11 submitted to the Board by GN-CGS on October 6th, 2012,
- 12 and August 12, 2013. Copies of all these submissions
- 13 are available on the Board's FTP website. Also, Robin
- 14 Ikkutisluk, our licencing administrator, has made
- 15 available for public viewing of this hearing a hard
- 16 copy of the submission on this file that have been
- 17 received to date. If you are interested in reviewing
- 18 any of this documentation, please see Robin.
- 19 On October 11, 2013, Stantec provided additional
- 20 information on behalf of GN-CGS. On December 20, 2013,
- 21 the Board directed the NWB staff to hold a technical
- 22 meeting and prehearing conference in Rankin Inlet on
- 23 January 14 and 15, 2014.
- On the morning of January 14, 2014, the Board held
- 25 an informal technical meeting in Rankin Inlet. During
- 26 the technical meeting, the NWB staff compiled a list of

- 1 commitments made by the various parties that were
- 2 carried forward to the discussions in the prehearing
- 3 conference held the next day. On the evening of
- 4 January 14, 2014, a community session was held at the
- 5 same venue.
- 6 On June 26, 2014, NIRB issued their screening
- 7 report stating the proposal may be processed without a
- 8 review under Part 5 or 6 and recommended
- 9 project-specific terms and conditions.
- Based on the application, recent submissions
- 11 received, and the information exchanged at the
- 12 technical hearing -- technical meeting and prehearing
- 13 conference, the NWB staff identified the following as
- 14 issues to be addressed at the public hearing: Number
- 15 1, Char River flow daily monitoring during pumping and
- 16 annual reporting; 2, Lower Landing Lake, Char River,
- 17 and Nipissar water chemistry sampling 2014, potential
- 18 impacts in Nipissar Lake water quality, availability of
- 19 the study results; 3, adaptive management plan for
- 20 Nipissar Lake replenishment, including Char River
- 21 monitoring, mitigation when Char River flows
- 22 insufficient for pumping; 4, Nipissar Lake
- 23 replenishment, increase of lake's water level or full
- 24 replenishment; 5, long-term alternative source
- 25 assessment for Nipissar Lake replenishment; 6, erosion
- 26 management at the pipeline loading point.

- 1 The proceedings earlier today involved the hearing
- 2 from the representatives from GN-CGS, AANDC, DFO, the
- 3 hamlet of Rankin Inlet, and members of the public.
- 4 This community session is a further opportunity to hear
- 5 from the members of the community who were not able to
- 6 attend the public hearing earlier today. The community
- 7 session will begin with a presentation by the Board's
- 8 technical staff.
- 9 Presentation by Nunavut Water Board Staff
- 10 MR. KHARATYAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 11 The presentation or some parts of presentation
- 12 would be very briefly (sic) because the Board Chairman
- 13 presented already the -- the summary of project. Why
- 14 we are here? We are here because of hamlet of Rankin
- 15 Inlet Water Licence amendment application to discuss
- 16 amendment application and -- or have a public hearing
- 17 related to this amendment application.
- 18 So what is the mandate of Water Board? Water
- 19 Board is an -- is an institution of public government
- 20 established pursuant to Article 13 of Nunavut Land
- 21 Claims Agreement and has the responsibility and power
- 22 over water use or freshwater use and management in the
- 23 territory.
- So the main objective is to provide a means for
- 25 the conservation and usage of waters in Nunavut, except
- in a national park, to a manner that will provide

- 1 optimum benefit for Nunavut resident and Canadians in
- 2 general.
- 3 Some key points of Rankin Inlet water licence, the
- 4 licence was issued in June 9, 2010. Licence will be
- 5 expiring in May 31st, 2015. Water use allowed:
- 6 850,000 cubic metres annually. And the water use
- 7 source is Nipissar Lake. So under this licence, the
- 8 licence is allowed to operate water supply facilities
- 9 which is Utilidor -- including Utilidor and sewage
- 10 treatment facilities.
- 11 So water supply facilities includes the associated
- 12 infrastructure at Nipissar Lake, including the intake,
- 13 intake line, pump -- pump house, underground pipeline
- 14 and water tank in Williamson Lake. Sewage treatment
- 15 facility includes sewage collection system, which is
- 16 mostly piped sewage service and trucked pump-out
- 17 service. Waste water treatment plant which provide the
- 18 primary treatment via a rotating drum screen, and
- 19 sewage is discharged to -- to the Prairie Bay.
- 20 So as presented by -- by our Chairman, we did
- 21 receive an amendment application via initial receipt of
- 22 application was in 2012. Then additional information
- 23 was required, received in October 2012, August 2013.
- 24 So the amendment application is for seasonal
- 25 replenishment of Nipissar Lake.
- The project is proposing to withdraw water from

- 1 Char River, which is an exiting point from Lower
- 2 Landing Lake. And initially, the licencee applied for
- 3 125 days -- pumping days annually. Then, according to
- 4 Stantec May 2014 submissions, the pumping rate --
- 5 pumping days or number of pumping days be -- go up
- 6 progressively from 14 that was planned from 2014 to 79
- 7 to 84. I didn't put there from 79 to 84. In 2013,
- 8 then it was reassessed recently to be around 43 days.
- 9 So resupply pump system is designed to be up to
- 10 700 U.S. gallon per minute, which is around 145 metres
- 11 cubic per hours or around close to 300,000 cubic metres
- 12 per year if we -- if we are based on 84 pumping days.
- 13 So what is the reason for replenishment of
- 14 Nipissar Lake? So it was known from back many years
- 15 that Lake -- Nipissar Lake is not sustainable for
- 16 long-term source for the community. Like, you can see
- 17 that, according to FSC Architects and Engineering 2009
- 18 survey, the lake volume decreased from around 3,500,000
- 19 to 2,800,000, and we have heard this number 44,000
- 20 cubic metres per year, so it was based on 2009 survey.
- 21 Actually, based on the 2013 reporting to the Board --
- 22 water usage was around 600,000, and given the fact that
- 23 Nipissar Lake annual natural recharges around 300,000,
- 24 so difference is close to 300,000 just in 2013. So we
- 25 see that the community needs sustainable and --
- 26 long-term sustainable water source. So Nipissar Lake

- 1 needs, yes, to be recharged beyond this time.
- 2 So this is the step -- those are steps that Water
- 3 Board went from the beginning of processing the
- 4 application August 2013. Acknowledging receipt of
- 5 application, asking parties to review the scope,
- 6 provide additional information request if they need.
- 7 September 20, 2013. Received comments and additional
- 8 information. Request from AANDC and DFO. October
- 9 2013, information provided by licencee's
- 10 representative. November 2013, that their mandate, the
- 11 application could proceed to the next steps of water
- 12 Type "A" application process.
- 13 November 2013, ask parties to -- to make written
- 14 representation to the Board. In the week of January
- 15 13th, 2014, was previously discussed or set for
- 16 technical meeting, prehearing conference to be held in
- 17 Rankin Inlet. December 2013, received comments from
- 18 AANDC. December 20, 2013, confirmed the date for
- 19 technical meeting, prehearing conference January 14,
- 20 January 15, 2014. Parties were asked to provide their
- 21 attendance -- or confirm their attendance January 9th
- 22 AANDC confirmed its attendance.
- 23 So January 14, Water Board staff in the technical
- 24 meeting. January 15, prehearing conference. The
- 25 evening of January 14, we had community session as
- 26 well. January 28, Board issued a prehearing conference

- 1 decision setting up deadline for the receipt of
- 2 responses to commitment list that -- established during
- 3 the technical meeting, prehearing conference. The
- 4 deadline set as February 7, May 9 for the additional
- 5 information or commitment -- commitments by licencee to
- 6 be submitted to the Board. Additional information was
- 7 provided in January -- February 7, May 9.
- 8 At that time, Board wasn't aware about a NIRB
- 9 decision about the -- the -- the licence, so the Board
- 10 was aware that NIRB is processing the file, but no
- 11 decision was still made. So decision was made just in
- 12 June 26th with some project-specific terms and
- 13 condition in the screening decision. July 4th, Board
- 14 issued notice for public hearing for -- for today, yes.
- 15 August 28, Board received written submission from
- 16 AANDC, and September 11th, written submissions related
- 17 to the public hearing from applicant. And we are here
- 18 for the -- we are here for the public hearing in the
- 19 morning, and now community session.
- 20 This is a very brief -- yes, very schematic
- 21 flowchart about generally what are processing steps.
- 22 So generally project proposal goes -- yes, proposal
- 23 goes firstly to Nunavut Planning Commission to have
- 24 Nunavut Planning Commission determination with respect
- 25 to land use plan conformity or no. If a -- if a -- if
- 26 the Planning Commission makes a positive decision, so

- 1 the project goes to Nunavut Impact Review Board for
- 2 screening, and if there is a screening report or
- 3 positive direction decisions, project goes to -- comes
- 4 to Water Board.
- 5 So we have options -- three different options for
- 6 the project. So we see that if we go further, the --
- 7 the Board -- there are -- we have one option for new
- 8 applications, one option for renewal amendment, et
- 9 cetera, and the project may be even refused or denied,
- 10 I would say.
- 11 So in the case of Rankin Inlet Water Licence, so
- 12 it was -- it was determined that it's amendment
- 13 application for an existing Type "A" Licence. So
- 14 the -- the Board processed the application for an
- 15 amendment to existing Type "A" Licence.
- 16 So this is a flowchart for Type "A" Licence. So
- 17 how is -- it is processed. So the first step is the --
- 18 the assessing the information, is it -- information is
- 19 satisfying to -- to go to the next step. To go next
- 20 steps would be technical reviewing. The -- the project
- 21 technical review may include additional information
- 22 requests from different parties. So when additional
- 23 information is received, you go to the next steps,
- 24 which is technical meeting, prehearing, and the result
- of technical meeting, prehearing conference is
- 26 prehearing conference decision issued by the Board.

- 1 That usually set up deadline for additional
- 2 submissions, deadline for public hearing.
- 3 And I think -- and now we are in the -- when those
- 4 additional information is received by -- from parties
- 5 or from -- from applicant, the Board has public
- 6 hearing. So we are here in public hearing. The result
- 7 of public hearing would -- could be when -- or when the
- 8 public hearing is closed -- officially closed, the
- 9 Board will make a decision that may be approving the
- 10 application or not approving the application. And the
- 11 decision goes to AANDC minister for approval or refusal
- 12 or denial. So now we are here in public hearing
- 13 community session. So like I said, following the
- 14 public hearing, Board will make a decision to be issued
- 15 to minister -- for minister AANDC approval or not.
- 16 So why we are having a community session as well?
- 17 So the -- the -- the main goal is to provide the
- 18 opportunity to community members to meet face to face
- 19 with the applicant and other parties, and if they
- 20 have -- they need some information, request this
- 21 information directly, and Board is also seeking some
- 22 feedback from party -- community members. And, yeah,
- 23 Board is very open to listen, and Board staff, to
- listen any concern and you of community members they
- 25 may be related to -- to the application. And generally
- 26 to provide a way of consultation and general

- 1 information exchange between Board and community
- 2 members.
- 3 So this additional information is with respect to
- 4 generally Water Board or water licencing process that
- 5 those licence application processing use generally
- 6 Water Board's quides from 1 to 7. So we have seven
- 7 guides for general processing or related to general
- 8 licencing processing. And with respect to specifically
- 9 public hearing, we have rules of practice and procedure
- 10 for public hearing used at this time.
- 11 And this is the -- the Board's new website. And
- 12 this is the contact information for public that they
- 13 can always, not only with respect to this application,
- 14 generally with respect to any concern with -- related
- 15 to the water use, they can always address to -- to the
- 16 Board.
- 17 Any questioning, comments, please? Thank you,
- 18 Mr. Chairman.
- 19 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Any questions?
- 20 No?
- The applicant, you may give a short presentation
- 22 summary of what you did today, and then from there,
- 23 we'll move on to AANDC to do their short presentation.
- 24 And then we'll open the floor to questioning.
- 25 Presentation by the Applicant
- 26 MS. LUSTEY: This is Megan Lustey from CGS.

- 1 Can we put our presentation up, Mr. Chairman?
- This is Megan Lustey. I'm with Community
- 3 Government Services in Rankin Inlet. And I'd like to
- 4 thank the members of the community who came out this
- 5 evening for the public session. This presentation, for
- 6 those who were here during the day, varies just a bit
- 7 slightly from the presentation made earlier.
- 8 So just a bit of background on this file, the Type
- 9 "A" Water Licence 3AM-GRA1015 is held by the Department
- 10 Community and Government Services Government of
- 11 Nunavut, and I'll refer to this organization from -- as
- 12 "GN-CGS" from now on, and it authorizes the use of the
- 13 water from Nipissar Lake to supply the Rankin Inlet
- 14 Utilidor and the operation of the sewage treatment
- 15 facility. And this licence was issued June 9th, 2010,
- 16 and expires May 31st, 2015. And the quantity of water
- 17 use is not to exceed 850,000 cubic metres annually.
- 18 A bit of background on this amendment application
- 19 and the project that has been done. In 2009, the
- 20 Elders and community members expressed some concern to
- 21 the Hamlet and GN-CGS that the water levels in Nipissar
- 22 Lake were decreasing. At this point, GN-CGS engaged
- 23 FSC or Stantec now and RMSI to complete the water
- 24 supply capacity, consumption, and conservation study to
- 25 evaluate causes for decrease in water level. And this
- 26 study indicated that water usage in Rankin Inlet was

- 1 higher than expected due to leaks in the water
- 2 distribution system and additional infrastructure
- 3 development over the past ten years.
- 4 And this picture here shows a bathymetric study
- 5 that was also done in Rankin Inlet in 2009. And the
- 6 green lake outline for 2009, you can see that it has
- 7 changed from the historical lake outline.
- 8 In 2010, GN-CGS contracted FSC, Stantec to
- 9 complete the design of a water resupply pipeline to
- 10 replenish Nipissar Lake. In 2012, GN-CGS constructed
- 11 the 4.05-kilometre pipeline to pump water from Char
- 12 River to Nipissar Lake. This construction began after
- 13 the freeze-up to minimize damage on the tundra.
- In 2014, GN-CGS, with the assistance of Stantec,
- 15 submitted the regulatory applications to Nunavut Water
- 16 Board, Nunavut Planning Commission, and the Nunavut
- 17 Impact Review Board to obtain the approval to pump
- 18 water from the Char River using this pipeline.
- 19 So the planning for this project. Prior to
- 20 completing the detailed ground surveys, aerial
- 21 photographs and digital mapping was reviewed for
- 22 possible routing options. The typical pumping season
- 23 was expected to extend over a maximum three months each
- 24 year from mid June to mid September. Two design
- 25 options were considered during the planning phase.
- 26 Option 1 followed the roadway between Nipissar Lake and

- 1 Char River. This option had the disadvantage of going
- 2 over high point of land and requiring stronger pumps
- 3 and higher fuel consumption. Option 2 went over land
- 4 from Char River to Nipissar Lake with the routing
- 5 selected to minimize elevation changes. Option 2 was
- 6 graded so that there's only one low point and only two
- 7 high points along the pipeline, which simplifies
- 8 operation of the pipeline.
- 9 On September 29th, 2010, FSC, Stantec, carried out
- 10 a site meeting with representatives of the community of
- 11 Rankin Inlet and GN-CGS. At this point, the only
- 12 concern that was mentioned, and this applied to either
- 13 routing option, was that there was a portion of the
- 14 route that crossed a primary snowmobile line near Lower
- 15 Landing Lake, and it was agreed with the community that
- 16 this portion of the route centred where the pipeline
- 17 meets the road close to the river would be buried to
- 18 prevent interference by the pipeline to snowmobiles.
- 19 And at this time, it was agreed that Option 2 was the
- 20 preferred solution with the community for the overland
- 21 pipeline supply.
- The pipeline was designed to feature a screen
- 23 water intake pipeline located in the Char River
- 24 extending from the intake location to the pump. A
- 25 75-horsepower intake pump, a 4.05-kilometre HGPE
- 26 pipeline, two high-point releases, and one low-point

- 1 drain -- the photo on the right is of the low-point
- 2 drain -- and a sea can to house the intake pipe and
- 3 pump during the winter.
- 4 This slide shows the route of the pipeline from
- 5 Char River to Nipissar Lake. And the low-point drain
- 6 is located here, and there are three culvert crossings
- 7 at these points where the pipeline crosses the road.
- 8 The pipeline was designed so that the screen
- 9 intake is connected to a seasonal flexible intake line,
- 10 and this flex intake line is also stored within the sea
- 11 can. And this picture on the right shows the sea can
- 12 at Char River. This flexible intake line is installed
- 13 at the beginning of the spring pumping season and will
- 14 be removed at the end of the pumping season. The line
- 15 is connected to a trailer-mounted self-contained
- 16 diesel-powered pump with spill protection, and the pump
- is capable of supplying 0.04 cubic metres per second of
- 18 water, and the pipeline terminates near the shore of
- 19 Nipissar Lake.
- 20 During operation of the pipeline, there will be
- 21 regular monitoring of the flow rate of Char River, and
- 22 during operation, we will adhere to a maximum
- 23 withdrawal rate of 10 percent of the flow rate and
- in-stream minimum depth of 0.5 metres. Pumping will
- 25 cease if this minimum cannot be maintained.
- 26 Complete annual monitoring will be done to ensure

- 1 natural drainage is not obstructed. There will be
- 2 implementation of sediment and erosion prevention and
- 3 control measures, and there will be implementation of
- 4 spill prevention and response protocols.
- 5 And commitments that GN-CGS has made in previous
- 6 meetings and previous submissions have been to -- for
- 7 the completion of a hydrological study to calculate the
- 8 instantaneous river flow and stream discharge. In the
- 9 fall of 2012 -- 2014, a theoretical flow rating curve
- 10 will be developed based on surveys taken of Char River
- and in 2015, during the pumping season, a field
- 12 hydrologist will visit Char River and calibrate the
- 13 curve with actual flow data.
- 14 In the fall of 2014, a literature review of
- 15 possible fish species in Char River will be conducted
- 16 to determine the in-stream minimum flow requirements
- 17 for environmental protection, installation of an
- in-stream staff gauge in the Char River to complete
- 19 seasonal flow monitoring each year, limiting water
- 20 withdrawal to 10 percent of the instantaneous flow with
- 21 a 0.5-metre in-stream depth minimum to limit impacts to
- 22 aquatic ecosystem systems, monitoring of the
- 23 community's water use, annual water quality sampling of
- 24 Char River and Nipissar Lake prior to pumping, and if a
- 25 longer term alternative water supply source is
- 26 required, GN-CGS will ensure that there is a safe and

- 1 secure long-term water supply that is also protective
- 2 of the natural environment.
- 3 Lastly, we are requesting that a clause be
- 4 included in the water licence amendment stating that if
- 5 water withdrawal from Lower Landing Lake becomes a
- 6 preferred option in the future, that GN-CGS be required
- 7 to prepare and provide a water balance to the Nunavut
- 8 Water Board at least six months prior to pumping and to
- 9 demonstrate that the proposed pumping rate is
- 10 acceptable.
- 11 And now I'd like to ask if there's any questions
- 12 on this presentation. Thank you.
- 13 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Any questions?
- 14 Thank you.
- 15 AANDC? Oh, question at the back there? Go ahead.
- 16 Questioning of the Applicant by the Parties
- 17 ANDY ALIYAK: That pipeline -- I'm sorry I
- 18 came late. But I'd like to know, there are three
- 19 lakes. 2003 I -- I was allowed with the water
- 20 research. The -- we would throw down 45-gallon barrels
- 21 into the lake. And I'm wondering, have you looked into
- 22 this before you decide to use one of the lakes in the
- ones that you mentioned earlier? Thank you.
- 24 THE CHAIR: Is there an answer to the
- 25 question?
- 26 MS. LUSTEY: This is Megan Lustey. I'm

- 1 sorry, can you please repeat which lake you're
- 2 referring to?
- 3 ANDY ALIYAK: Not the Char River. You're
- 4 talking about closest to the road? Is that the one
- 5 we're getting water from? They're pumping the water
- 6 from closest to the lake -- pardon me, close to the
- 7 road? Is that where the pump is going to take place
- 8 down to Nipissar Lake. I'm talking about the -- the
- 9 middle one there, the Landing Lake they used to call
- 10 it. That's the one that I was helping the -- the water
- 11 research for two months, and that was the most
- 12 contaminated in that one there. That -- I'd like to
- 13 know if somebody had that in mind there before doing
- 14 this 'cause the water's flowing down to the -- to the
- 15 first lake from here, from looking from this side.
- 16 MS. LUSTEY: Okay. Thank you. This is
- 17 Megan Lustey. Yes, we have taken water quality
- 18 sampling from Char River. We haven't taken water
- 19 sampling from the lakes further upstream, as that
- 20 wasn't our intended source water, but based on the
- 21 water results that we have for Char River, it's a very
- 22 good water source and we haven't found -- or there
- 23 hasn't been any concern for contamination from Char
- 24 River.
- 25 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Do you understand
- 26 what she said?

- 1 DFO?
- 2 MS. DAHL: Julie Dahl, Fisheries and
- 3 Oceans, DFO. I just wanted a bit of clarification.
- 4 Did I hear you correctly that you were proposing a
- 5 literature review this -- this winter or this fall to
- 6 determine fish species in the Char River?
- 7 MS. LUSTEY: This is Megan Lustey. Yes
- 8 that was one of the commitments in the September 11th
- 9 letter to the Water Board in response to AANDC's -- in
- 10 response to AANDC prior to the public hearing take
- 11 place. That's described in that September 11th letter.
- 12 MS. DAHL: Okay. Julie Dahl, DFO. Just
- wondering, are you expecting that there's more
- 14 literature out there than what has been already
- 15 referenced that may give a different species
- 16 composition for the river?
- 17 MS. LUSTEY: This is Megan Lustey. No, the
- 18 point of that is to determine the minimum in-stream
- 19 flow requirements for the potential fish that could be
- 20 in the river, and for -- what we were speaking of
- 21 earlier was that 0.5-metre requirement, which Joe
- 22 described as being for the char. So we're just going
- 23 to look at the other -- this was done very quickly, and
- 24 it was just going to be a more in-depth study to also
- 25 look at the other types of fish and ensure that none of
- 26 the other potential fish species require more for an

- 1 in-stream flow requirement than the 0.5 metres.
- 2 MS. DAHL: Julie Dahl, Fisheries and
- 3 Oceans. So I understand that you're basing the .5
- 4 minimum depth on char; however, char have not been
- 5 identified recently in sampling, however, grayling have
- 6 been, so is there a potential for you to use grayling
- 7 as the sensitive species, given that the drawdown will
- 8 be during their spawning and rearing period?
- 9 MR. ACORN: I mean, there's a potential.
- 10 If the research shows that the Arctic grayling are a
- 11 more critical species in terms of maintaining a minimum
- 12 flow, then, yes, we can switch the flow from char to
- 13 grayling. But, I mean, I don't know -- like I say, I'm
- 14 not a fish bio. When is the spawning season for Arctic
- 15 grayling?
- 16 MS. DAHL: Julie Dahl, Fisheries and
- 17 Oceans. It's the spring. I'm just trying to get to
- 18 the reason behind choosing char, when char have not
- 19 been identified as being found in the Char River
- 20 recently, but grayling have been found, and yet they're
- 21 not being used as the most sensitive species, even
- 22 though the drawdown or the water withdrawal is expected
- 23 during the -- during the grayling spawning period.
- 24 MS. LUSTEY: This is Megan Lustey. In the
- 25 letter we received from AANDC on August 28th, they
- 26 specifically mention the requirements for char as a

- 1 species, so in our quick time frame to provide a
- 2 response, we address char. But that's a -- this --
- 3 what this literature review will look at is the other
- 4 species as well. So if we're being told that the
- 5 Arctic grayling are the primary species, that will
- 6 definitely be included in this literature review.
- 7 MS. DAHL: Okay. Thank you.
- 8 THE CHAIR: Thank you.
- 9 AANDC, do you want to do a presentation?
- 10 Presentation by Aboriginal Affairs Northern Development
- 11 Canada
- 12 MS. COSTELLO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And
- 13 with my apologies to the community members, sorry for
- 14 my back. I feel like I should turn the microphone
- 15 around and speak to you.
- 16 My name is Karen Costello, and I'm with Aboriginal
- 17 Affairs Northern Development Canada in the Nunavut
- 18 regional office in Iqaluit. I am joined by Ian
- 19 Parsons, who is one of our regional coordinators in our
- 20 water resources division. We welcome the chance to
- 21 make this presentation to the people of Rankin Inlet,
- 22 and I appreciate also you giving up your community hall
- 23 for us to have this time to present at the Nunavut
- 24 Water Board's public hearing.
- 25 I just want to quickly let the members of Rankin
- 26 Inlet community know a little bit about what Aboriginal

- 1 Affairs has done in its -- this -- this licence review.
- 2 I will touch on our roles and responsibilities, our
- 3 contributions to the Water Licence amendment, and touch
- 4 on the four areas where we had technical comments.
- 5 So most of you are probably familiar with
- 6 Aboriginal Affairs. We do have a responsibility with
- 7 respect to the Nunavut water resources or Nunavut's
- 8 water resources, and this mandate and responsibility
- 9 comes from various pieces of legislation. The
- 10 Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
- 11 Act, the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement Act, the Nunavut
- 12 Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act and its
- 13 associated regulations, and the Territorial Lands Act
- 14 and its associated regulations.
- 15 Aboriginal Affairs have been active participants
- 16 in the Water Licence amendment application review
- 17 process. When the Water Board started the process, we
- 18 submitted a review letter with information requests
- 19 directed towards the applicant in September 2013. We
- 20 followed that up with a technical review memo in
- 21 December of 2013. We participated in the technical
- 22 meeting and prehearing conference in January of this
- 23 year, and that was followed with a technical review --
- 24 a second technical review memo that was submitted in
- 25 August.
- So I'm just going to quickly go to the areas where

- 1 we offered some recommendations for the Board's
- 2 considerations. Our first recommendation had to do
- 3 with flow monitoring. And we recommended that the
- 4 licencee, so the Government of Nunavut Community and
- 5 Government Services, be required to undertake
- 6 multi-year seasonal flow monitoring of Char River. And
- 7 we did this so that we could understand the viability
- 8 of Char River to meet the community water needs, we
- 9 wanted the information to support adaptive management
- 10 of water withdrawals, and we wanted to establish
- 11 in-stream flow objectives.
- For those of you in the community, these images
- 13 are probably very familiar to you. The picture on the
- 14 right shows the shoreline of Nipissar Lake on August
- 15 24th. And you can actually see the old shoreline here
- 16 where the vegetation is established, and you can see
- 17 here where the water has been drawn down, and this was
- 18 the shoreline on August 24th. The picture on the left
- 19 shows Char River and their proposed intake location.
- 20 This is the trailer that Megan has referred to, the
- 21 pipeline coming out here.
- 22 Aboriginal Affairs submitted a recommendation for
- 23 an adaptive management plan. We recommended that the
- 24 licencee be required to develop an adaptive management
- 25 plan accounting for Char River flow availability and
- 26 variability. As is evidenced by those photos, we --

- 1 you can understand the -- our recommendation for an
- 2 alternative source assessment, and our recommendation
- 3 was that the licencee should conduct a thorough
- 4 assessment of other alternative sources of water for a
- 5 long-term solution.
- 6 As evidenced in the picture that was shown by
- 7 Megan, the pipeline is a little over 4 kilometres long.
- 8 The -- as placed right now, it follows the contours.
- 9 There is a low-point drainage area, and we put forth
- 10 the recommendation that the licencee be required to
- 11 place structures around the low-point drainage to
- 12 prevent erosion when the pipeline is drained.
- 13 The Department recognizes the importance that
- 14 Nipissar Lake be replenished, as the evidence shows
- 15 that it is long -- no longer an adequate water source
- 16 for the hamlet and its growing population. Aboriginal
- 17 Affairs supports the issuance of an amendment to the
- 18 Rankin Inlet Water Licence to allow the use of water
- 19 from Char Lake (sic) for municipal supply, but only
- 20 under the conditions we have outlined. And in the
- 21 presentation you have just seen from GN, they touched
- 22 on our recommendation for flow monitoring, it was Point
- 23 Number 1 on their list of -- on their Slide 1 of
- 24 commitments, and they touched on development of an
- 25 adaptive management plan. It was Bullet Number 3 on
- 26 Slide 2 of their recommendations.

- 1 They made these commitments in their September
- 2 11th submission to the Water Board, and these
- 3 commitments satisfy Aboriginal Affairs. So on that
- 4 basis, we are supportive of this amendment request.
- 5 Thank you very much.
- 6 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Any questions from
- 7 the public? Thank you, AANDC.
- 8 DFO, you have anything to add to the
- 9 presentations?
- 10 MS. DAHL: Julie Dahl, DFO. I do not
- 11 have a presentation prepared, and I'm not sure whether
- or not you would like me to re-go over the -- our
- 13 comments and recommendations on the applicant's
- 14 mitigation?
- 15 MR. BOYER: Mr. Chair, it's up to DFO. If
- 16 they want to make a presentation, you can invite them
- 17 to do so if they wish.
- 18 THE CHAIR: Would you like to?
- 19 MS. DAHL: For the benefit of the
- 20 community members, I will do a summary for you.
- 21 THE CHAIR: Thank you.
- 22 Presentation by Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- 23 MS. DAHL: Julie Dahl, Fisheries and
- 24 Oceans. I will just go down to -- okay. In the
- 25 applicant's presentation and in their submissions, they
- 26 have identified some key mitigation measures that need

- 1 to be applied such that impacts on Char River are
- 2 minimized. And one of the measures that they had spoke
- 3 about -- I've just got to try to find it here. Sorry.
- 4 Okay. They had committed to not withdrawing any more
- 5 than 10 percent of what the flow of the river is at any
- 6 time. DFO had identified that this is a protective
- 7 measure, provided that there is adequate monitoring to
- 8 determine that what the current flow rate is such that
- 9 they would ensure they are below the 10 percent
- 10 withdrawal rate. They are proposing to pump 24 hours a
- 11 day, and this may -- may present a challenge for being
- 12 able to ensure that they have a current flow rate so
- 13 that they can be within that 10 percent value. And we
- 14 had recommended that they clarify that it will be
- 15 continuous monitoring of the flow, and that we need --
- 16 they should clarify what the procedures are for
- 17 determining what those flow rates are, the timing of
- 18 those calculations, and how they're going to adjust the
- 19 pump rate as the flow rate in the river changes.
- They had also identified that they would stop
- 21 pumping as a mitigation measure to protect the -- the
- 22 fish and the habitat in the river, and again, we wanted
- 23 to make sure that they were able to adjust the pump
- 24 rate when the flow in the river rapidly declined
- 25 following spring freshet.
- We had also -- they had also committed to

- 1 providing a proper screen on the intake to avoid fish
- 2 being drawn into the pump. They had -- Stantec has
- 3 clarified what the screen size is and what the approach
- 4 velocity will be; however, we wanted to make sure that
- 5 they have fully reviewed the guidelines that DFO has
- 6 for fish screen to make sure that they have paid
- 7 attention to all of the design criteria so that they do
- 8 not kill fish by drawing them into the intake.
- 9 Whoops. Sorry. Sorry. Okay. Right here. So we
- 10 had concluded that, based on the very short duration of
- 11 high flows in the Char River and that it is only in the
- 12 springtime that they have high flows, that water
- 13 withdrawal may only be possible during the spring
- 14 freshet each June, and although there's a commitment to
- only withdraw water when there's enough flow to take 10
- 16 percent and be able to have flow in their pipe, it's
- 17 unlikely that sustained flows above a cutoff limit
- 18 that's protective of the river will be available to
- 19 support the anticipated pumping that is needed to
- 20 replenish the lake.
- 21 DFO also supported AANDC in their -- in their
- 22 recommendations, including that for multi-year flow
- 23 monitoring and an assessment of how viable the Char
- 24 River is as a -- as a water source, adaptive management
- 25 for when flows in the Char River were insufficient, and
- 26 the need for a robust alternatives assessment of

- 1 supplementary water sources.
- 2 Thank you.
- 3 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Any questions to
- 4 DFO?
- 5 MR. ACORN: Joe Acorn. It's not a
- 6 question, just a bit of a clarification. You say this
- 7 may not be enough to pump in enough water to pump over
- 8 a time period to -- to move the water that we want, and
- 9 we're not necessarily disagreeing with you, but we do
- 10 think that in the short term, at least, we've estimated
- 11 14 days. We think in the near term, there is enough
- 12 flow to transfer the water we may need in the short
- 13 term, but we would agree that perhaps from 2025 to
- 14 2030, when we would need a longer pumping period, it
- 15 does appear right now that we would not be able to pump
- 16 for the full period. But, I mean, that'll prove out
- 17 with the hydrology study that we're going to do.
- 18 MS. DAHL: Julie Dahl, DFO. Thank you
- 19 for that. And I do understand that you will not pump
- 20 if -- you will not pump more than 10 percent of the
- 21 instantaneous flow, and if the flow gets so low that 10
- 22 percent -- you know, 10 percent of nothing is still
- 23 nothing. So I understand that you won't pump, and that
- in the spring, if you only have 14 days of high enough
- 25 water to pump, that's when you will.
- The added measure that you had identified, that

- 1 cutoff limit, I just want to make sure that -- that if
- 2 you are going to apply a cutoff limit in terms of
- 3 the -- the minimum water depth where you'll stop
- 4 pumping as well, just want to make sure that it is
- 5 derived from, you know, something that -- that makes
- 6 more sense. And what we had talked about earlier, that
- 7 if you set that minimum limit based on Arctic char, and
- 8 yet Arctic char haven't been found in the system, and
- 9 they're sensitive in the fall, it's not making a lot of
- 10 sense to me why you would choose that species, when, on
- 11 the other hand, Arctic grayling are there and they are
- 12 spring spawners and they are going to be present at the
- 13 time that you want to withdraw, so maybe you should
- 14 look at that as a -- as a -- as an alternative species
- 15 to set your minimum depth cutoff limit.
- 16 MR. ACORN: Joe Acorn. Yes, we agree. I
- 17 mean, that's definitely a possibility. I mean, Arctic
- 18 char was raised by others as an issue, and so that's --
- 19 in the late August interventions that were filed, DFO
- 20 didn't file an intervention and raise Arctic grayling.
- 21 If you had, we would've considered that. We (sic) have
- 22 raised it now, and we will consider it when we do our
- 23 literature review, and if Arctic grayling turns out to
- 24 be the more sensitive species over Arctic char, then
- 25 we'll make that determination and make that switch.
- 26 THE CHAIR: Thank you.

- 1 Any members of the general public who would like
- 2 to come up and do a short presentation?
- 3 Questioning of Department of Fisheries and Oceans by
- 4 the Parties
- 5 ALICE IPKORNERK: I just have a question to DFO.
- 6 What Arctic char are you talking about? I'd like to
- 7 get a -- get an understanding. I'm asking you what
- 8 Arctic char are you talking about because Nipissar
- 9 doesn't have any Arctic char, and also, Char River
- 10 doesn't have the Arctic char. I know that Nipissar
- 11 Lake has trout and other species, like, there is
- 12 graylings, white fish, and there's trout. I know that
- 13 it has. But further up, the one with the char has --
- 14 there's white fish, and there's Arctic char. These are
- 15 graylings that -- we have two white fish. I know that
- 16 because I go fishing a lot, and -- and I moved here
- 17 1957, and I've been here since. And these -- I know
- 18 some areas in some lakes that have -- I know what kind
- 19 of fishes are -- fish are in the lakes. I'm just
- 20 wondering, I'd like to get a clarification on what
- 21 Arctic char you're talking about. Thank you.
- 22 THE CHAIR: AANDC?
- 23 MS. COSTELLO: Thank you, Mr. -- thank you,
- 24 Mr. Chair. I would like, with your permission, to --
- 25 to speak to the point that the -- the Rankin Inlet
- 26 resident just raised asking about what char we were

- 1 talking about.
- In the Department submission, we referenced char
- 3 as just an example of a fish species. We apologize for
- 4 any confusion it may have raised by us referring to
- 5 char being in the Char River. We recognize that there
- 6 are other fish species in the river that may be best
- 7 used as indicators, as mentioned by our colleagues from
- 8 Fisheries and Oceans. Thank you.
- 9 MR. AGLUKARK: My name is David Aglukark Sr.,
- 10 Water Board member. The question from that lady
- 11 just asked, I'm just going to reply to her of her
- 12 question. Her question was which river -- from which
- 13 river you guys keep saying maybe had char. Do you
- 14 understand what I'm saying?
- 15 It's from that Lower Landing Lake. They keep
- 16 saying that there is some fish species. If it's like
- 17 that, I'm not even sure.
- 18 ALICE IPKORNERK: My name is Alice Ipkornerk.
- 19 At Lower Landing Lake, I know that they have no Arctic
- 20 char. Absolutely. I know that they have trout.
- 21 There's no white fish. Well, they have white fish and
- 22 the other -- grayling. There's only three different
- 23 kind of fish that I know they have because Landing Lake
- 24 doesn't have river, but there's a small Char River --
- 25 we can't even have fish going up the river because
- 26 there's no water in that river. I hope you understand.

- 1 THE CHAIR: Anybody else from the public,
- 2 community of Rankin Inlet?
- 3 PETER IPKORNERK: Peter Ipkornerk. I am from
- 4 Rankin Inlet. 53 years I've been living in Rankin. I
- 5 have heard about Char River. It's pretty far, like,
- 6 it's way on the side. We are talking about Lower
- 7 Landing Lake. We call them the Lower Landing Lake.
- 8 Like you were saying earlier, saying it's Char River,
- 9 it is further up. Because there are three lakes;
- 10 there's first lake, the middle lake, and there's third
- 11 lake. These are called the Landing Lake -- there is --
- 12 on the side there is very small fish. We have these
- 13 trout, those slime (sic) fish, and there are some of
- 14 these fish that are there, and there -- we're talking
- 15 about -- I'm not too sure if Lower Landing Lake --
- 16 because hardly anyone fishes over there.
- 17 The middle one -- the middle lake is the place
- 18 where most of the lake -- or people go fishing, and
- 19 there's a lot of people that go out fishing in these
- 20 areas. There's some trout fish, and there's little
- 21 fish. We don't have any Arctic char in those lakes,
- 22 just for your information. I just wanted to mention
- 23 this to you. Thank you.
- 24 THE CHAIR: Anybody else?
- 25 MR. BOYER: Mr. Chair, Craig Boyer. If
- 26 there are no further comments from the public and if

- 1 you are satisfied that we've received all that we need
- 2 to receive, you should be inviting the parties to make
- 3 closing submissions.
- 4 THE CHAIR: Thank you. We'll take a
- 5 five-minute break.
- 6 (ADJOURNMENT)
- 7 THE CHAIR: Welcome back, everybody. Now
- 8 we go on to the closing remarks by the applicant,
- 9 AANDC, DFO, interested parties.
- 10 And, the applicant, you may start any time you are
- 11 ready, your closing remarks.
- 12 Closing Remarks by the Applicant
- 13 MR. ACORN: Thanks. It's Joe Acorn.
- 14 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- Just before the closing remarks, we do want to
- 16 address a statement that was made earlier today about
- 17 the pipeline having operated over, I think, a few-week
- 18 period. Megan went back and we did check, and we have
- 19 no record of there having been any operation of the
- 20 pipeline such as that. There was a commissioning test
- 21 done when the pipeline was put in place, and the pump
- 22 was tested to make sure it operated and the pipeline
- 23 and everything was put together properly. But that --
- 24 that was a very quick, like, 90 minute kind of thing in
- 25 an afternoon. There was no extended operation of the
- 26 pipeline that we -- anybody knows of. So I just wanted

- 1 to address that since it was put on the record earlier
- 2 today.
- 3 So just as a closing statement I guess, then, I'd
- 4 say over the course of the last little while and today,
- 5 we've provided estimates of volumes that could be
- 6 pumped and number of pumping days that could be
- 7 required. These numbers are estimates that were
- 8 calculated based on other estimates of population
- 9 growth and per capita water consumption over the next
- 10 two decades; however, we would ask the Board not to get
- 11 too caught up in the numbers, but keep your focus on
- 12 the bigger issue, which is the declining volume of
- 13 water in Nipissar Lake. What we are trying to do is,
- 14 at the very least, slow, hopefully stop, and preferably
- 15 reverse the decline in the volume of Nipissar.
- 16 The major question for the Board to determine, in
- 17 our view, is if you agree that water can be pumped from
- 18 Char River to Nipissar Lake without causing significant
- 19 negative impacts upon the Char River ecosystem system.
- 20 With the studies that we have agreed to conduct and the
- 21 conditions that we have agreed to place on our pumping
- 22 rate and our pumping period, we believe that the
- 23 transfer of water can be done safely. The amount that
- 24 we will -- the amount that we will be able to pump in
- 25 the time period over which it will occur will be
- 26 determined over the next year based on the studies that

- 1 we will be conducting. We believe that these studies
- 2 will show that, at least in the short term, we should
- 3 have enough water available to stop further drawdown of
- 4 Nipissar Lake. Ultimately, though, CGS will act as
- 5 necessary to ensure that there is a safe long-term
- 6 water supply for Rankin Inlet. The work we will do
- 7 over the next year will determine the pace and focus of
- 8 our work in this area.
- 9 If it is determined that -- if it's determined
- 10 that Char River in perhaps the short to medium term
- 11 will not fulfill the requirements that we have, CGS
- 12 will do the analysis work looking at alternative and/or
- 13 supplementary water-supply options, perhaps in
- 14 conjunction with more aggressive water-use minimization
- 15 efforts; however, we believe that we put together an
- 16 amendment application for your consideration that we
- 17 think should satisfy the Board's concerns, and
- 18 hopefully you agree and we can start getting this
- 19 pipeline in operation next year. Thanks.
- Thank you.
- 21 THE CHAIR: Thank you.
- 22 AANDC?
- 23 Closing Remarks by Aboriginal Affairs Northern
- 24 Development Canada
- 25 MS. COSTELLO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. At this
- 26 time I'd like to thank the Nunavut Water Board, both

- 1 the Board members and your staff, for your attention to
- 2 this file over the last little while. And I am proud
- 3 to say that the translators have not had to beat me
- 4 once for talking too fast. So thanks for your patience
- 5 and attention in trying to provide the translation and
- 6 interpretation. So thank you.
- 7 A process like this is only effective when you
- 8 have constructive and open dialogue with the applicant.
- 9 So key thanks to Megan, Joe, and the team that has been
- 10 with them for all of their efforts in working with us
- 11 and answering our questions and responding to our
- 12 information requests.
- 13 Aboriginal Affairs acknowledges that it is
- 14 necessary to ensure the community has a reliable source
- 15 of water. It is also important that the water source
- 16 chosen for replenishment is both adequate and
- 17 environmentally sound. At this time, we are supportive
- 18 of the amendment, but we recognize that there may be
- 19 some challenges. In the absence of evidence to suggest
- 20 otherwise, the Department is concerned that the use of
- 21 Char River for replenishment is a short-term solution
- 22 and possibly only viable for a couple of years. And as
- 23 we have just heard from the applicant, they are
- 24 cognizant of this and will take steps to conduct the
- 25 necessary studies and alternatives assessment.
- So thank you very much to everyone for your

- 1 attention. Thank you to the Hamlet, and also for the
- 2 Elders for sharing their knowledge of the Char River
- 3 that it has fish other than char. So thank you very
- 4 much. Have a good evening. Bye bye.
- 5 THE CHAIR: Thank you.
- 6 DFO?
- 7 Closing Remarks by Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- 8 MS. DAHL: Julie Dahl, Fisheries and
- 9 Oceans. I would just like to thank the NWT -- --
- 10 sorry, I'm -- wrong territory. The Nunavut Water Board
- 11 and staff for the opportunity to discuss this Water
- 12 Licence application, and I'd like to thank the --
- 13 the -- the representatives of the applicant for their
- 14 patience for our -- for our questions and discussion.
- 15 It's very much appreciated. And I have no further
- 16 comments. Thank you.
- 17 THE CHAIR: Thank you.
- 18 Any community members that would like to make a
- 19 closing comments?
- 20 JUSTIN MERRITT: Justin Merritt from hamlet,
- 21 SAO. I'd just like to thank the Board and the members
- 22 of the Water Board staff for coming here, and thanks
- 23 for CGS for putting this application in. As you know,
- 24 in Rankin it's kind of unique, CGS has the Water
- 25 Licence on behalf of the town, and working with the
- 26 Hamlet council, recognizing this problem, and the --

- 1 the Hamlet will be working with CGS over the coming
- 2 years to monitor the situation and to make the right
- 3 recommendations so that we have an adequate supply of
- 4 water in the future.
- 5 So thank you very much.
- 6 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Anybody else from
- 7 the public?
- 8 Go ahead. Please state your name prior to
- 9 speaking.
- 10 ANDY ALIYAK: Andy Aliyak. Thank you to the
- 11 Nunavut Water Board for the opportunity to receive
- 12 information on this issue, but in terms of the future,
- 13 our children and our grandchildren will grow and meet
- 14 the challenges ahead, and we -- we look forward to
- 15 working together in the future. Thank you.
- 16 Closing Remarks by Nunavut Water Board
- 17 THE CHAIR: Thank you.
- 18 Anybody else from the floor? I believe we're just
- 19 about wrapping up. Thank you. Thank you to all the
- 20 members of the community of Rankin Inlet for coming
- 21 tonight and speaking at this community session. I will
- 22 now do my closing remarks.
- The Board would like to thank the parties,
- 24 especially the applicant; the staff; interveners,
- 25 interpreters, Ben Kogvik and Mary Rose Angoshadluk;
- 26 court reporter, Christy Longacre; PIDO, Ryan Dempster;

- 1 all the community members and Elders for their valuable
- 2 participation in this hearing. Thanks also to the
- 3 hamlet of Rankin Inlet for their outstanding
- 4 hospitality and patience with the Board.
- 5 The applicant has requested that -- the
- 6 opportunity to provide a response to the DFO submission
- 7 heard today during the public hearing. The panel has
- 8 agreed to keep the record open until Friday, October 3,
- 9 2014, to allow the GN-CGS to provide a written
- 10 response. After October 3, 2014, the record will be
- 11 closed. What this means is that no additional
- 12 information will be accepted on this application prior
- 13 to the Board making a final decision. Once the record
- 14 is closed, the Board will begin its deliberations. The
- 15 Board will make its decision on the application in
- 16 approximately 30 days, and if you have any questions
- 17 from now until then, please consult our executive
- 18 director.
- 19 I will now ask the Board's legal counsel, Craig
- 20 Boyer, to read the list of exhibits that have been
- 21 accepted by the panel today.
- 22 MR. BOYER: Mr. Chair, thank you. The
- 23 exhibits that have been noted today, of course, to
- 24 start with Number 1, the agenda for the public hearing,
- 25 the English version; Exhibit Number 2, the agenda for
- 26 the public hearing in the Inuktitut version; the third

- 1 exhibit is the PowerPoint presentation put forward by
- 2 Stantec and GN-CGS; the fourth exhibit was the summary
- 3 of the applicant's presentation, both English and
- 4 Inuktitut versions; Exhibit 5 is the PowerPoint
- 5 presentation by AANDC; Exhibit 6 is the written
- 6 executive summary from AANDC in English; Exhibit 7 is
- 7 the written executive summary from AANDC in Inuktitut;
- 8 Exhibit 8 is PowerPoint presentation by DFO; Exhibit 9
- 9 is the written submission by DFO; Exhibit 10 is the
- 10 PowerPoint presentation by the Nunavut Water Board;
- 11 Exhibit 11 is the letter dated February 7th, 2014, that
- 12 was received from GN-CGS which enclosed data flow and
- 13 some e-mails; Exhibit 12 is the letter dated May 9th,
- 14 2014, from Stantec Consulting Ltd., and that was in
- 15 relation to further commitments that were provided at
- 16 the prehearing conference; Exhibit 13 is the letter
- dated August 27th, 2014, again from AANDC; Exhibit 14
- is the letter dated September 11th, 2014, from Stantec
- 19 Consulting Limited; Exhibit 15 is the environmental
- 20 screening report by Stantec Consulting from May of
- 21 2014, and it is 587 pages in total; Exhibit 16 is the
- 22 addendum to operations and maintenance plan prepared by
- 23 Stantec Consulting Ltd., also from May of 2014, and
- 24 that is a 129-page document; Exhibit 17 is the spill
- 25 contingency plan by Stantec Consulting Ltd., again from
- 26 May of 2014, and that document is 48 pages; Exhibit 18

- 1 is the community session presentation by GN-CGS which
- 2 was heard this evening, the PowerPoint version; and
- 3 Exhibit 19, when it is received, will be the further
- 4 written submission from GN-CGS in response to the DFO
- 5 submissions heard today.
- And if that's acceptable to the Board, that would
- 7 be the list of exhibits received in evidence.
- 8 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Was that slow
- 9 enough for you or fast enough?
- 10 MR. BOYER: I'm sorry?
- 11 THE CHAIR: Was that slow adequate.
- 12 MR. BOYER: I can provide Christy with a
- 13 printout.
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          from Stantec Consulting Ltd.
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     THE CHAIR:
                               Thank you, Craig.
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          That now concludes the community session. Have a
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     good evening, and safe travels home tomorrow to the
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     people who are traveling tomorrow, and wishes to Rankin
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     Inlet. The hearing is now adjourned in accordance with
     the instructions, and I will now ask member David
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     Aglukark Sr. to do the closing prayer.
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     Closing Prayer
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3	I, Christy Longacre, certify that the foregoing
4	pages are a complete and accurate transcript of the
5	proceedings, taken down by me in shorthand and
6	transcribed from my shorthand notes to the best of my
7	skill and ability.
8	Dated at the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta,
9	this 30th day of September, 2014.
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