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**Re: 3BC-BGI0813 – Cancellation Application – Belcher Glacier Ice Cap  
Project, Devon Island – University of Alberta.**

Please be advised that Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) have completed a review of the Cancellation Application for water license 3BC-BGI0813 (Belcher Glacier Ice Cap) submitted by Martin Sharp of University of Alberta. The NWB circulated the Cancellation Application for comments on November 14, 2015. All documents related to the request posted on the NWB ftp site under 3BC-BGI0813 were included in my review (See attached Technical Review Memo).

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4282 or by email at [Ian.Parsons@aandc.gc.ca](mailto:Ian.Parsons@aandc.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

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## **Technical Review Memorandum**

To: Phyllis Beaulieu – Manager of Licensing, Nunavut Water Board

From: Ian Parsons – Regional Coordinator, Indigenous & Northern Affairs Canada.

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### **Background**

The Belcher Glacier Ice Cap Project is located on the Devon Ice Cap, Devon Island, in the Qikiqtani Region of Nunavut. The closest community is the Hamlet of Grise Fjord located approximately 120km to the North. During the spring field season facilities include 2-4 tents for sleeping, a cooking tent, equipment storage tent, snowmobiles, sleds and fuel supply areas.

### **Recommendations/Comments**

The applicant applied for and was granted water licence #8WLC-BGI1415, Approval for Use of Waters or Deposit of Waste Without a License to replace 3BC-BGI0813.

INAC therefore recommends the cancellation of water licence 3BC-BGI0813 since there are no non-compliance issues associated with this licence and all project components are now licenced under 8WLC-BGI1415.

However, INAC recommends that an inspection be carried out to ensure that all structures and facilities that was a part of water licence 3BC-BGI0813 are captured under the current licence 8WLC-BGI1415.