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Re: Application acknowledgement for Tony Gaston's amendment request with Canadian Wildlife Service for the "Seabird Studies in Hudson Strait" project

Dear Sirs:

On May 6, 2008 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) for an amendment to Anthony Gaston's CWS permit for his "Seabird Studies in Hudson Strait" project. On May 16, 2008 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file. The NIRB is also in receipt of a Nunavut Water Board water license application for this project. The NIRB has previously assigned this project NIRB File No. **01YN053**.

The original application for the above project was received by the NIRB on May 2, 2001 from CWS. The project proposal was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On May 31, 2001 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to CWS allowing the proposed project to proceed subject to specific recommended terms and conditions. Project components/activities included the following:

- Banding and salvaging of Glaucous Gulls and Thick-billed Murres in Coats Island;
- Camp site at established cabin for 3-4 people plus one bear monitor.

Tony Gaston is proposing to amend the CWS Permit for this project to include the following additional components/activities:

- Additional research site on Diggs Island, Hudson Strait;
- Use of established cabins by research team of 4 people;
- Ongoing monitoring of seabird diet in Coats Island;
- Attachment of small, temporary transmitters to Thick-billed Murres;
 - o 40 x 1-day attachments of depth recorders at each Coats and Diggs sites
 - o 15 x 1 year attachements of geolocators to legbands of birds, to be removed the following year
- Banding of 1000-200 birds (mostly chicks) at Coats Island;
- Shoot or noose 90 Murres in Diggs Sound colony to examine diet, health, and parasite load of birds; and
- Collection of 15 Murre eggs for ongoing tracking of contaminants in Coats Island.

The CWS application and the original NIRB screening file, 01YN053 are available from NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/2008_AMENDMENTS_RENEWALS/

The NIRB is of the opinion that the request for the amendment does not *significantly* change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore the NIRB is *proposing* to re-issue the same terms and conditions as those in the attached May 31, 2001 Screening Decision, along with any new terms and conditions the NIRB feels are appropriate. The NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by this project and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **June 6**, **2008**.

The NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- whether the proposed component or activity was a part of the original proposal;
- whether its inclusion would significantly modify the project;
- any additional mitigation measures that are appropriate; and
- any other matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the attention of the NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration Leslie Payette at lpayette@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Technical Advisor Ryan Barry at realray-enirb.ca or by phone (867) 983-4608.

Sincerely,

Ryan Barry, Technical Advisor Nunavut Impact Review Board

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Attachment: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 01YN053 (dated May 31, 2001)

Comment Form