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File 3BC-DIG0812

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Dear Cynthia.

I am finally responding to this request that was originally sent to Tony Gaston quite a while ago. Now in accordance with the terms and condition of the expired water licence 3BC-DIG0812, I am responding to the following items:

- **Part B, Item 1 Annual Reports for 2009 and 2010 are incomplete per the conditions stipulated in Part B of the expired water licence (including the quantities and description of water used and waste disposed), kindly amend and resubmit.**

I have downloaded the word document reports from the Nunavut Water Board online documents library and modified both documents with information on quantities of water used and waste disposed of on the forms.

- **Part B, Item 1 Annual Reports for 2011. A 2012 Annual Report is not required at this time because the April 23, 2015 letter received from Ms. Christine Eberl states that no field work was done by Retired Principal Investigator Dr. Gaston or his team/colleagues, at the Digges Island site.**

I have confirmed that there was no work done by Tony Gaston on Digges in 2011. Therefore no report is required for that year. Thus, Tony only ran camps on Digges for two years of the 4 year life of his Digges NWB permit (2009 and 2010).

- **Part I, Abandonment and Restoration Plan explaining, amongst other things, the fuel/ammunition/food removal and site clean-up activities which have taken place on site.**

In accordance to items 3 and 4 of Part I, no fuel, ammunition or food was left at the camp at the end of the 2010 season and the hole used for grey water was filled in. The other items in Part I do not apply to our use of the area – there are no air strips, culverts roads, contaminants, or otherwise disturbed areas that need restoration.

- **A completed Cancellation Application, clearly indicating who the authorized entity/contact person for this site should be.**

I am curious why the permit is for "Mining and Milling – Type B" operations, as the application clearly indicated that our work at Digges is for "Conservation". The camp will continue to be used by Grant Gilchrist under authorization of the Nunavut Marine Region Impact Review Board. I have attached a cancellation application but as I am uncertain if I actually need an Application for Certificate of Completion or a Certificate of Closure. Please advise.

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- The NWB acknowledges receipt of AANDC's project assessment form. The Board takes note of the project assessment form comment which states that *"the camp will be used in the future by Dr. Grant Gilchrist and Michael Janssen of Environment Canada to continue the Murre research, under Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board for land and water use."* Please clarify if another NWB Licence or permit will be required for this site.

Mike Janssen has indicated that in several of his previous correspondences with the Nunavut Water Board, it was determined that Digges Island lies outside the NWB jurisdiction. For this reason, he is abiding by Nunavik Impact Review Board guidelines for permits and therefore, no further permit from the NWB will be required to cover current or future work on Digges Island. I have included a copy of a letter (see Access Approval Nunavik MRWB 2012- Thick-billed Murre.pdf) authorizing work by Grant Gilchrist/Michael Janssen on Digges Island for 2012, and am forwarding an email with some more recent approvals for the continued work.

Please see the attached documents that are cited in my responses above. I hope this fulfills the requirement for cancellation of this permit. If not, please email me for further information or give me a call at 613 998 8282. Please note that I am not working near this phone for the next few weeks, but will be regularly checking for messages.

Most Sincerely!



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