



NIRB File No. **05AN011**

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Via email: grant.gilchrist@ec.gc.ca

Re: Application acknowledgement for Grant Gilchrist's renewal request with Canadian Wildlife Service for the "Study of Migratory Birds in East Bay, Southampton Island" project

Dear Grant Gilchrist:

On April 25, 2008 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) for a renewal to Grant Gilchrist's "Study of Migratory Birds in East Bay, Southampton Island" project.

The original application for the above project was received by the NIRB on January 24, 2005 from CWS. The project proposal was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On February 28, 2005 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:

- Establishment and use of two (2) temporary research camps;
- Tracking movements of Eiders and other birds using banding, wing and nasal tags, and temporary radio transmitters;
- Reproductive studies on Eiders using blood collection, egg switching and maintaining captive birds for up to 10 days; and
- Contaminant and dietary analysis on Eiders by harvesting up to 90 adult birds, collecting up to 40 eggs, and salvaging any dead birds or abandoned eggs and egg membranes in the project area.

The NIRB received a land use/ water use application from the Kivalliq Inuit Association for the above project, amending the already permitted project activities to include establishment of small research cabin at each of two (2) camp sites. On April 28, 2006 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the allowing the amended project activities to proceed subject to further specific recommended terms and conditions. Grant Gilchrist is now proposing to renew the CWS permit for this project for a period of three (3) years, until August 10, 2008. They have indicated the following project components/activities would be undertaken during the proposed permit period:

- Use of two (2) research camps by nine (9) researchers in total;
- Transport by chartered aircraft to and from camp at beginning and end of season;
- Use of snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle (atv) and zodiac for limited personnel transport;
- Banding, collection of blood samples and eggs from Common Eider ducks and Black Guillemots;
- Collection of 10 Herring Gulls and 20 Common Eider ducks for necropsy purposes;

- Banding and collection of blood samples from Snow Buntings.

The CWS application and the original NIRB screening file **05AN011** 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 renewal 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 February 28, 2005 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 rbarry@nirb.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.: 05AN011 (dated February 28, 2006)
Comment Form