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RE: 3BC-FRA1013 Past Modes of Arctic Climate Amendment Qikiqtani Region

EC file: 4704 001 016

NWB file: 3BC-FRA1013

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act 1999*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

In 2010, Pierre Francus, of INRS-ETE, Quebec City, has applied for an amendment to Type 'B' water license 3BC-FRA1013 from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). The name of the project itself has changed to 'Past modes of climate variability from varved sediments', and the research location will be changed to South Sawtooth Lake. The amendment does not change the nature of the interest in the land or the description of the work to be completed.

Based on the information provided, EC does not have any comments at this time regarding this amendment so long as the proponent is in compliance with the conditions of the existing water license. Comment previously submitted on behalf of EC on 14 June 2010 regarding water license 3BC-FRA would still apply (see attached) If there are any changes to the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email at Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

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