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Re: NWB 3BC-FXB – Reinhard Pienitz, University of Laval – Foxe Basin Project

Environment Canada's (EC) contribution to your request for specialist advice is based on the mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of **Section 36(3)** of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (CEPA), the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (MBCA) and the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA).

Environment Canada has reviewed the above noted application and has no comments or concerns with the proposed activities as described. However, EC would like to remind the proponent that they are responsible for ensuring that any chemicals, fuel or wastes associated with the proposed project do not enter waters frequented by fish. It is a requirement of *Section 36(3)* of the *Fisheries Act* that all effluent discharged into water frequented by fish be non-deleterious. It is the opinion of EC that the water use in this application does not constitute domestic use pursuant to section 13.7.1 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*, assuming that there is no change in the project over the time frame indicated in the application.

Environmental Protection Operations (EPO) should be notified of changes in the proposed or permitted activities associated with this application.

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-4744 or ron.bujold@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

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