



NIRB File No.: 05YN072
CWS File No.: 05YN072
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Honourable Minister Jim Prentice
Minister of Environment
c/o Siu-Ling Han
Head, Eastern Arctic Unit
Canadian Wildlife Service
Iqaluit, NU

Via email: Siu-Ling.Han@ec.gc.ca

Re: Application Exempt from Screening under Section 12.4.3: Kathy Young's "Hydrology of extensive low gradient High Arctic wetlands: An examination of sustainability" project

Dear Siu-Ling Han:

On February 18, 2009 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received an application from Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) for Kathy Young's "*Hydrology of extensive low gradient High Arctic wetlands: An examination of sustainability*" project proposal. The application is for a renewal application to the Proponent's CWS Permit.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 05YN072) was received by the NIRB from the Nunavut Research Institute (NRI) on May 3, 2005. The proposal was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On June 7, 2005 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to NRI allowing the proposed project to proceed subject to project-specific recommended terms and conditions.

The CWS application, the original NIRB screening file and Screening Decision, 05YN072, are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2005_SCREENINGS/05YN072-Kathy%20Young/1-SCREENING/

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

"Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:

- (a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or
- (b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project."

After completing a review of the information provided, the NIRB is of the understanding that the application received from CWS does not change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore, this application is exempted from screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original June 7, 2005 Screening Decision Report (attached).

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Technical Advisor, Sophia Granchinho at 867-983-4607 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Granchinho', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sophia Granchinho
Technical Advisor

for: Stephanie Autut
Executive Director

cc: Kathy Young, York University

Attachment: NIRB Screening Report Decision, File No.: 05YN072 (June 7, 2005)