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Kelli Gillard  
Nunavut Impact Review Board  
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Cambridge Bay, Nunavut  
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Dear Ms. Gillard:

**Subject:** Proposal not likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat.

Fisheries and Fisheries & Oceans Canada- Fish Habitat Management Program (DFO) appreciates the opportunity to participate in the Part 4 Screening process for the Geological Survey of Canada -Martin McCurdy's "Stream Sample Survey, Elice-Back River" project proposal. DFO received the project proposal on September 15, 2011. Please refer to the file number and title below:

DFO File No.: **11-HCAA-CA7-00036**

Title: **Stream Sediment Sample Surveys, Ellice-Back River, Kitikmeot Region**

The proposal has been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat which are prohibited by the habitat protection provisions of the *Fisheries Act* or those prohibitions of the *Species at Risk Act* that apply to aquatic species.\*

Our review consisted of:

- Notice of Part 4 Screening for the Geological Survey of Canada-Martin McCurdy's "Stream Sample Survey, Elice-Back River" project proposal, dated Sept 15, 2011.

We understand that the proponent plans to:

- Construct a temporary camp for 3 to 4 people
- Withdraw water for camp and return greywater.

\*Those sections most relevant to the review of development proposals include 20, 22, 32 and 35 of the *Fisheries Act* and sections 32, 33 and 58 of the *Species at Risk Act*. For more information please visit [www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

- Collect approximately 240, 12 kilogram (kg) samples (silt, water, pebbles) to be analyzed for mineral content in a laboratory.

Provided that the plans are implemented as described DFO has concluded that the proposal is not likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat.

The proponent will not need to obtain a formal approval from DFO in order to proceed with the proposal.

If the plans have changed or if the description of the proposal is incomplete the proponent should contact this office to determine if the advice in this letter still applies.

Please be advised that any impacts to fish and fish habitat which result from a failure to implement this proposal as described could lead to corrective action such as enforcement.

A Licence to Fish for Scientific Purposes should be obtained for:

- activities involving fishing, catching or attempting to catch fish;
- activities where the potential exists for the incidental capture of fish;
- sampling or possessing fish caught in a subsistence fishery;
- collecting data on marine mammals from aircraft at an altitude of less than 305 m (~1000 ft), or by vessels, 'land' vehicles or by foot at a distance of less than 100 m.

"fish" includes: a) parts of fish, b) shellfish, crustaceans or marine animals, and any parts of shellfish, crustaceans or marine animals, and c) the eggs, sperm, spawn, larvae, spat and juvenile stages of fish, shellfish, crustaceans and marine animals (Fisheries Act).

Completed applications must be submitted electronically to Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) at least 30 days in advance of the anticipated starting date for the project.

For more information or for a copy of the application package please e-mail: [XCA-NUpermit@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:XCA-NUpermit@dfo-mpo.gc.ca)

I trust the information provided will be of assistance in the Nunavut Impact Review Board's review of the Geological Survey of Canada -Martin McCurdy's "Stream Sample Survey, Elice-Back River" project proposal. If you or the proponent have any questions concerning the above, or if my understanding of the proposal is either incorrect, incomplete, or if there are changes to the proposed work, contact the undersigned at (613) 925-2865 ext. 131, by fax at (613) 925-2245, or by email at [Georgina.Williston@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:Georgina.Williston@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Georgina Williston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Georgina" being more prominent than the last name "Williston".

Georgina Williston  
Habitat Management Biologist

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Martin McCurdy- Geological Survey of Canada  
Derrick Moggy – Fisheries and Oceans Canada