

NIRB File No. 06YN024 CWS Permit No. NUN-SCI-06-01

INAC Application No. 68H16

May 30, 2008

Mark Mallory Seabird Biologist, Canadian Wildlife Service Box 1712, Qimugjuk Bldg 969 Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Via email: mark.mallory@ec.gc.ca

Re: Application acknowledgement for Mark Mallory's amendment request with Canadian Wildlife Service for the "Breeding Ecology of the Marine Birds at Cape Vera" project

Dear Mark Mallory:

On April 29, 2008 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an amendment request from Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) for Mark Mallory's "Breeding Ecology of the Marine Birds at Cape Vera" project. On May 20, 2008 the NIRB received a land application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for the land use activities related to this project. On May 20, 2008 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file and proceeded to screen the project proposal.

The original application for the above project was received by the NIRB on April 21, 2006 from CWS. The project proposal was assigned NIRB File No. **06YN024** and screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On May 15, 2006 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:

- Capture up to 50 Glaucous Gulls take blood sample and feces swab, attach satellite and VHF transmitters and then release;
- Use of 2 established field camps at Cape Vera and Prince Leopold Island by 8 people total;
- Flights to and from site using twin otters and helicopters provided by the Polar Continental Shelf Project; and
- ATV use for periodic travel to and from landing strip to cabin.

Mark Mallory is proposing to amend his project to include the following additional components/activities:

- Establishment of a new field site on "Tern Island", a small island north of Cornwallis Island;
- The same sampling regime excluding attachment of satellite and VHF transmitters, and for Arctic Terns rather than Glaucous Gulls;

The INAC land application, a Nunavut Water Board water license application, related file correspondence and the original NIRB screening file, **06YN024** 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 amendment 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 May 15, 2006 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 5**, **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 realray@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. 06YN024

Comment Form

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