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## RE: NWB3COR0207 - Hamlet of Coral Harbour Water License Amendment

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to Environment Canada's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

The Hamlet of Coral Harbour has applied for an amendment to their current water license for approval for the fencing of the sewage area and the construction of a berm around the sewage deposit area. These amendments are required to help prevent caribou from grazing in the area. The application states that the work for this project started in July 2002 and was completed by October 31, 2003.

As the work for this project has already been completed, EC has no comments to provide at this time. Environment Canada would like to remind the proponent that in the future, applications should be submitted to the NWB prior to construction in order to allow ample time for a thorough review by all interested parties. Environment Canada is extremely interested in reviewing any information regarding the proposed plans to upgrade the sewage lagoon, including the diversion of runoff away from the Hamlet, and the construction of a new sewage lagoon for winter storage.

If there are any changes in 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) 975-4639 or by email at colette.meloche@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

## Original signed by

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