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Phyllis Beaulieu
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Dear Mrs. Beaulieu:

Subject: Hamlet of Pond Inlet Water Licence Renewal Application

Fisheries Protection Program (the Program) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada – receive the request for review regarding the Hamlet of Pond Inlet Water Licence Renewal Application provided by Government of Nunavut – Community Government Services.

As outlined in your request dated March 27, 2015, reviewers are invited to submit comments and recommendations to the Nunavut Water Board within 30 days. The Government of Nunavut – Community Government Services's proposal has been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to result in serious harm to fish which is prohibited under subsection 35(1) of the *Fisheries Act* or contravene the *Species at Risk Act*.

Our review consisted of the renewal application and all supporting documents and an email dated April 20, 2015.

The Program understands that the proponent will:

- Withdraw water from Salmon creek during high water level to bring to the town water source; and
- Build an all-weather access road with one crossing. The crossing will be located at Salmon creek.

Provided that the Government of Nunavut – Community Government Services implement the required mitigation measures for its project and, follow the guidance available on the Fisheries and Oceans Canada's (DFO) website at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>, the Program is of the view that the Government of Nunavut – Community Government Services's proposal should not result in serious harm to fish. No formal approval is required from the Program under the *Fisheries Act* or the *Species at Risk Act* in order to proceed with its proposal.

It remains the Government of Nunavut – Community Government Services's responsibility to ensure it avoids causing serious harm to fish in compliance with the *Fisheries Act*. If the Government of Nunavut – Community Government Services's plans changed or if the description of its proposal is incomplete, or changes in the future, the Government of Nunavut – Community Government Services should consult DFO's website <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html> or consult with a qualified environmental consultant to determine if further review is required by the Program.

Please be advised that it is the Government of Nunavut – Community Government Services's *Duty to Notify* DFO if it has caused, or is about to cause, serious harm to fish that are part of or support a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery. Such notifications should be directed to <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/violation-infraction/index-eng.html>.

It remains the Government of Nunavut – Community Government Services's responsibility to meet all other federal, territorial, provincial and municipal requirements that apply to its project.

If you have any questions, please contact Véronique D'Amours-Gauthier at our Yellowknife office at 867-669-4912, by fax at 867-669-4940, or by email at veronique.damours-gauthier@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. Please refer to the file number referenced above when corresponding with the Program.

Yours sincerely,



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