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Your file *Votre référence*
7BL-AWL1015

Our file *Notre référence*
17-HCAA-00797

Richard Dwyer
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Nunavut Water Board
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Dear Richard Dwyer:

Subject: Serious harm to fish can be avoided or mitigated

The Fisheries Protection Program (the Program) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada received the proposal for the Arctic Watch Lodge water licence renewal on the Cunningham River on Somerset Island.

Based on the information provided, the proposal has been identified as a project where a *Fisheries Act* authorization is not required given that serious harm to fish can be avoided by following standard measures. Proposals in this category are not considered to need an authorization from the Program under the *Fisheries Act* in order to proceed. In order to comply with the Act, it is recommended that the proponent follow our guidance tools which can be found at the following website (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/measures-mesures/measures-mesures-eng.html>) remains the proponent's responsibility to meet the other requirements of federal, territorial and municipal agencies.

Should the plans change or if the proponent omitted some information in the proposal such that the proposal meets the criteria for a site specific review, as described on our website (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>), they should complete and submit the request for review form that is also available on the website.

*Those sections most relevant to the review of development proposals include 20 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.

Yours sincerely,

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

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