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26-HCAA-00346

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8BC-INP

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Subject: New Water Licence Application, for the Investigate Studies for the Iqaluit Nukkiqsautiit Project (INP)

To whom it may concern,

On April 14, 2026, the Nunavut Water Board invited parties to comment on the New Water Licence Application, for the Investigate Studies for the Iqaluit Nukkiqsautiit Project (INP), file number: 8BC-INP. The Fish and Fish Habitat Program of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (FFHPP-DFO) appreciates the opportunity to review the application and offers a comment below.

DFO Comments:

In order to comply with the Fisheries Act, it is recommended that the Proponent follow DFO's protective measures for fish and fish habitat and standard codes of practice which can be found on DFO's website (<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/measure-mesures-eng.html> and <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/practice-pratique-eng.html>).

Proponents are asked to respect the NU in-water works restricted activity timing windows ([Projects Near Water - Nunavut Restricted Activity Timing Windows for the Protection of Fish and Fish Habitat \(dfo-mpo.gc.ca\)](https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/measure-mesures-eng.html)) to protect fish during spawning and incubation periods when spawning fish, eggs and fry are vulnerable to disturbance or sediment.

The proponent should refer to DFO's Interim code of practice: End-of-pipe fish protection screens for small water intakes in freshwater available at <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/codes/screen-ecran-eng.html> when using fish screens and if the water intake flow is up to 0.150 m³/s, or 150 liters per second (L/s).

If the proposal meets the criteria for a site-specific review (e.g., withdrawing water during the Restricted Activity Period), as described on DFO's website (<https://www.dfo->

[mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/reviews-revues/request-review-demande-d-examen-003-eng.html](https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/reviews-revues/request-review-demande-d-examen-003-eng.html)), they should complete and submit the request for review form available on the website(<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/reviews-revues/request-review-demande-d-examen-004-eng.html>).

It is also the proponent's Duty to Notify DFO if they have caused, or are about to cause, the death of fish by means other than fishing and/or the harmful alteration, disruption, or the destruction of fish habitat. Such notification should be directed to DFO.ARCEMTriage-TriageGEARC.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Yours sincerely,

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

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