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Your file *Votre référence*
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Our file *Notre référence*
21-HCAA-00915

Richard Dwyer, Manager of Licensing
Nunavut Water Board
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Dear Richard Dwyer:

Subject: Comment Request for Freshwater Withdrawal, Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure Project, Type B Water License Application – Implementation of Measures to Avoid and Mitigate the Potential for Prohibited Effects to Fish and Fish Habitat

The Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program (the Program) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) received the Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure Project proposal for a Type B water license application on April 30, 2021.

The proposal has been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to result in:

- the death of fish by means other than fishing and the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat which are prohibited under subsections 34.4(1) and 35(1) of the *Fisheries Act*; and
- effects to listed aquatic species at risk, any part of their critical habitat or the residences of their individuals in a manner which is prohibited under sections 32, 33 and subsection 58(1) of the *Species at Risk Act*.

Provided that the plans are implemented in the manner, and during the timeframe, described, the Program is of the view that the proposal will not require an authorization under the *Fisheries Act*, the *Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations* or the *Species at Risk Act*.

Should the proponent's plans change or if the proponent has omitted some information in the proposal, further review by the Program may be required. The proponent should consult our website (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>) or consult with a qualified environmental consultant to determine if further review may be necessary. It

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remains the responsibility the proponent to remain in compliance with the *Fisheries Act*, avoid prohibited effects on listed aquatic species at risk, any part of their critical habitat or the residences of their individuals, and prevent the introduction of non-indigenous species.

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 destruction of fish habitat. Such notifications should be directed to FisheriesProtection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca or 1-855-852-8320.

If you have any questions please contact Rick Kiriluk at our Burlington office at 289-230-1327 or by email at Rick.Kiriluk@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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