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Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)
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**Subject: Coral Harbour, NU, Former Military Site Remediation Project –
Implementation of Measures to Avoid and Mitigate the Potential for
Prohibited Effects to Fish and Fish Habitat**

Dear Doug Chiperzak and Charlotte Lamontagne:

The Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program (the Program) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) received your proposal amendment on December 10, 2025. We understand that you propose to conduct the following works between July 1, 2026 and September 30, 2026:

- Remove and dispose of remaining bridge infrastructure at Fossil Creek, close to Coral Harbour, NU, using aquadam or bladder, excavation, and fording.
- Recontour of Fossil Creek after bridge removal.
- Work within a total footprint of 261 m².
- Conduct work from July 1 to September 30, 2026, overlapping with the Nunavut Restricted Activity Timing Windows for the Protection of Fish and Fish Habitat (Zone 2).

Our review considered the following information:

- Request for Review amendment form, received on December 10, 2025.

Your 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*.

The aforementioned outcomes are prohibited unless authorized under their respective legislation and regulations.

To avoid and mitigate the potential for prohibited effects to fish and fish habitat (as listed above), we recommend implementing the measures listed below:

- Apply DFO's Measures to Protect Fish and Fish Habitat and [applicable Standards and Codes of Practice](#).
- Ensure effective measures are in use during construction and operation to prevent deleterious substances (e.g. sediment, fresh concrete and concrete wash water, fuel oil etc.) from entering the water.
- Ensure proper sediment and erosion control during works.
- Conduct turbidity monitoring during the works to demonstrate the sediment and erosion control measures are functioning as intended.
 - If turbidity levels exceed water quality thresholds, all works should be halted until turbidity returns below threshold conditions.
 - It remains your responsibility to adhere to all applicable federal or provincial water quality guidelines and thresholds.
- Follow the measures described in the [Interim standard: in-water site isolation](#).
- Follow the [Code of practice: Temporary fords](#).
- Capture, relocate and monitor for fish trapped within isolated, enclosed, or dewatered areas.
- Screen intake pipes to prevent entrainment or impingement of fish as per the [Interim code of practice: End-of-pipe fish protection screens for small water intakes in freshwater](#).
- Replace/restore any other disturbed habitat features and remediate any areas impacted by the work, undertaking or activity.
- Conduct in-water undertakings and activities during periods of low flow or in the dry.

Provided that you incorporate these measures into your plans, the Program is of the view that your proposal is not likely to result in the contravention of the above mentioned prohibitions and requirements.

Should your plans change or if you have omitted some information in your proposal, further review by the Program may be required. 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 remains your responsibility to remain in compliance with the *Fisheries Act*, the *Species at Risk Act* and the *Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations*.

It is also your *Duty to Notify* DFO if you 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 (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/contact-eng.html>).

We recommend that you notify this office at least 10 days before starting your project and that a copy of this letter be kept on site while the work is in progress. It remains your responsibility to meet all other federal, territorial, provincial and municipal requirements that apply to your proposal.

If you have any questions with the content of this letter, please contact Natalie Grishaber at our Yellowknife office at 867-444-0317, or by email at Natalie.Grishaber@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. Please refer to the file number referenced above when corresponding with the Program.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "NATALIE GRISHABER". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "NATALIE" on the left and "GRISHABER" on the right, connected by a vertical line.

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