

July 8, 2016

Valerie Kogvek
Nunavut Planning Commission
Gjoa Haven, Nunavut

RE: Request for expedited approval for the use of water without a Water Licence for a small research project

Dear Ms. Kogvek:

At the outset I wish to apologize to request urgent consideration of the Nunavut Planning Commission and the Nunavut Water Board. Normally our permitting requests are completed very early on after our research proposals are accepted by the Polar Continental Shelf Program in late winter. Previously our research team leader Dr. Natalia Rybczynski (Canadian Museum of Nature) completed all of the permitting and licencing applications required for our field research. This year I have assumed the responsibility for ensuring that our permits, safety training, food, and other logistical matters are take full responsibility for this.

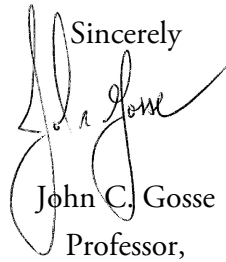
I misinterpreted the NWB Guide 3, Section 2 guidelines regarding which projects do not need water permits. I incorrectly assumed that because we are a small (4 people) team of researchers who plan to consume a very small volume of in-stream water without altering its quality, that we would not require a permit. After some discussion with Natalia and a request from PCSP, we contacted Mr. Andrew Keim who suggested that we submit an application immediately. Subsequently Karén Kharatyan indicated that we should request expedited consideration of our application. I also was in touch with Mr. Goump Djalogue.

I assure you that I will not repeat this mistake in the future, and that I will ensure that our research team communicates in a timely manner with all interested parties.

The most recent NWB Water Licence we obtained was in 2010: Licence Number 3BC-LEP1010. On July 7 we applied to cancel this licence.

I have attached an application for the use of water without a licence, which will agree to re-apply for each year until our research is complete. I have also attached maps indicating the location of the requested site. This field site was also covered in the 2010 licence.

We are scheduled to fly from Resolute to the field area on July 14. I realize it can take months for land use and water usage requests to be reviewed and proper authorizations to be obtained. We very much appreciate your consideration of this very last minute application for permission to access and use water near the study area.

Sincerely

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