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RE: APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR THE USE OF WATER OR DEPOSIT OF WASTE WITHOUT A LICENCE

Movement and genetics of whales in the Canadian Arctic using satellite telemetry, tissue biopsies, and photogrammetry

Lord Mayor Bay, Gulf or Boothia, NU

Dear Nunavut Water Board,

We are seeking approval for the use of water and deposit of waste without a licence under Sections 4 and 5 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations* in relation to marine-based research operating from an existing Inuit hunting camp located on crown lands in the Kitikmeot Region, NU. This research is a collaborative effort by Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Taloyoak Umarulirigut Association (formerly the Spence Bay HTA) to study Arctic whale population ecology and behaviour in the Gulf of Boothia. The work will require daily use of a minimal amount of freshwater for domestic purposes (drinking and cooking) and the deposition of a small amount of human waste on-site. Neither water usage nor waste disposal are expected to substantially affect the quality, quantity or flow of waters through Inuit-owned lands.

I have attached a completed NWB application form for your review. The project is currently under review by the Nunavut Planning Commission. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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