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*Your file - Votre référence*  
3BC-NET0913

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IQALUIT-#907244

Phyllis Beaulieu  
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**Re: Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's (AANDC) Review of Environment Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service's Renewal Application for Water Licence #3BC-NET0913 – Nettilling Lake Project**

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

On March 16, 2015, AANDC received notice from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) regarding the above mentioned application, inviting interested parties to provide comments by April 16, 2015.

AANDC reviewed the amendment application and the results of our review are provided in the enclosed memorandum for the Board's consideration. Comments have been provided pursuant to the Department's mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 867-975-3876 or [sarah.forte@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca](mailto:sarah.forte@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca) for any additional information.

Regards,

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Water Management Coordinator

c.c.: Erik Allain, Manager of Field Operations, AANDC Nunavut  
Karen Costello, Director Resource Management, AANDC Nunavut



## **Renewal Application Review Memorandum**

To: Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing, NWB

From: Sarah Forté, Water Management Coordinator, AANDC

Date: April 16, 2015

Re: Water Licence Renewal Application, #3BC-NET0913

Licensee: Environment Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service  
Project: Nikko Island Goose Research Camp  
Region: Qikiqtani

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### **A. BACKGROUND**

On March 16, 2015 the Nunavut Water Board provided notification to interested parties that the Environment Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) had submitted a renewal application for their expired Type 'B' water licence, #3BC-NET0913.

The licence is for water use and waste disposal associated with activities located in a research camp on Nikko Island in the Qikiqtani region of Nunavut. The camp houses up to 7 people for a 15-day period each summer and this project has operated annually since 1989. The previous licence allowed for water use of up to 5 m<sup>3</sup>/day and the annual reports state their use is 0.07m<sup>3</sup>/day.

Interested parties were asked to review the information and provide comments by April 16, 2015

### **B. RESULTS OF REVIEW**

#### **General**

- 1) The previous water licence requires all greywater sumps to be at least 31 m from the ordinary high water mark of any water body (Part D, Item 7) and the present application states that "Grey water pit will be a minimum of 30 meters from water body and will be covered" (Box 17). Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) recommends reminding the licensee the regulations have changed.



- 2) The Nunavut Planning Commission conformity review available on the Water Board's ftp site does not match the project location. Though Nettilling Lake appears in the subject of the correspondence, the conformity was determined with regards to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan and the project location is in the Qikiqtani Region.

### **Spill Contingency Plan**

- 3) The Spill Contingency Plan (SCP) does not appear to address the following, as required under Part H, Item 1 of the water licence:
  - b) Identify the Plan's effective period;
  - c) No spill training is referenced in the Plan.
- 4) The 24 Hour Spill Line phone number found on pages 2 and 6 of the SCP contains a typo as it has 11 digits.

### **Compliance**

The Field Operations Division of AANDC conducted a site visit on July 25 2009 and the two points raised at the time have been addressed.

Annual reports have been submitted for the years covered by the licence, 2009 to 2013. It is not clear if the camp was used in 2014 because though the licence was expired, the project description submitted with the application states the project has operated annually since 1989. An annual report for 2014 may have been filed by the 31 March 2015 deadline without yet being available. If this annual report has not yet been submitted, AANDC recommends that the applicant inform the Water Board if the camp was occupied in 2014 and provide an annual report.

### **C. CONCLUSION**

AANDC considers CWS's renewal application for water licence #3BC-NET0913 to be receivable if they provide adequate information regarding water use and waste disposal for 2014.