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Your file *Votre référence*
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Our file *Notre référence*
17-HCAA-01564

Mardy Semmler
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Dear Mr. Semmler:

Subject: Comments on Hamlet of Aklavik Water License Application for Bickish Road

The Fisheries Protection Program (the Program) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) received the request for comments on the Hamlet of Aklavik water license application for bridge construction and culvert installation on Bickish Road on November 2, 2017.

Our review considered the following information:

- 170721 Hamlet of Aklavik – Schedule C – Application for Water Licence;
- 170724 Hamlet of Aklavik - Authorization to Nehtruh-EBA Consulting for Water Licence Application
- and documents submission on behalf of Hamlet of Aklavik;
- 170803 N3L1-1839 Hamlet of Aklavik - IWB Additional Information Request;
- 171018 N3L1-1839 Hamlet of Aklavik – Project Description Report for the Design and Construction
- of the Proposed Aklavik Bridge – Updated September 2017;
- 171018 N3L1-1839 Hamlet of Aklavik – Project Description Report: Culvert Installation Project –
- Aklavik Traditional Trail;
- 171018 N3L1-1839 Hamlet of Aklavik - Bridge and Culvert Waste Management Plan;
- 171018 N3L1-1839 Hamlet of Aklavik - Bridge and Culvert Spill Contingency Plan;
- 171018 N3L1-1839 Hamlet of Aklavik - Bridge and Culvert Erosion and Sediment Control Plan;

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- 171018 N3L1-1839 Hamlet of Aklavik - Bridge-DFO Self-Assessment.

The proposal has been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to result in serious harm to fish which is prohibited under subsection 35(1) of the *Fisheries Act* unless authorized. The proposal has also been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to affect 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*, unless authorized.

Provided that the plans are implemented in the manner, and during the timeframe, described, including allowing for fish passage, the Program has determined that the proposal will not result in serious harm to fish or prohibited effects on listed aquatic species at risk. As such, an authorization under the *Fisheries Act* or a permit under the *Species at Risk Act* is not required.

Should the plans change or if any information in the proposal has been omitted, further review by the Program may be required. It remains the responsibility of the proponent to avoid causing serious harm to fish in compliance with the *Fisheries Act*, and avoid prohibited effects on listed aquatic species at risk, any part of their critical habitat or the residences of their individuals in compliance with the *Species at Risk Act*.

It is also the proponent's responsibility to notify DFO if they have caused, or are about to cause, serious harm to fish that are part of or support a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery. Such notifications should be directed to <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/violation-infraction/index-eng.html>.

A copy of this letter should be kept on site while the work is in progress. It remains the proponent's responsibility to meet all other federal, territorial, provincial and municipal requirements that apply to the proposal.

If you have any questions with the content of this letter, please contact Fisheries Protection Program at 1-855-852-8320, or by email at FisheriesProtection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. Please refer to the file number referenced above when corresponding with the Program.

Yours sincerely,



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