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Dear Georgina,

Re: Phase I Pangnirtung Harbour Development: Authorization Extension

The Small Craft Harbours Branch (SCH) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has been mandated to develop a small craft harbor facility in Pangnirtung, Nunavut. The project was reviewed by the Fish Habitat Management Branch (FHM) and two HADD authorizations were previously issued:

- Authorization 09-HCAA-CA7-00003 was issued on October 3, 2009 and included activities related to the construction of a marshaling area and installation of culverts for crossing the Duval River.
- Authorization 10-HCAA-CA7-00033 was issued on June 10, 2010 and including activities related to the construction of a marshaling area, sea-lift ramp, and west breakwater.

DFO/SCH is requesting that DFO/FHM amend the current authorizations to extend the authorization period to December 2013. The project was expected to be complete in 2011; however, the dredging was not completed to the planned depth (-1.5 m). In order to determine why the issues with dredging occurred, DFO/SCH intends to conduct an investigation which may require geotechnical drilling (to determine depth to bedrock). An environmental protection plan, which addresses any applicable DFO Operational Statements will be developed prior to the work being conducted and provided to DFO/FHM. Should blasting be necessary DFO/SCH will contact DFO/FHM to obtain the required approvals.

Recent communications from DFO/FHM have identified the possible malfunction of components of the fish habitat compensation, more specifically that the tidal pool is not holding water. DFO/SCH will investigate the matter in 2012 so that this issue may be resolved.

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Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Jennifer Wilson (Tetra Tech) on my behalf at (204)954-6926 or by email at jennifer.wilson@tetrattech.com or myself.



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