

Environmental Protection Operations
Qimugjuk Building 969
PO Box 1870
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0
Tel: (867) 975-4631
Fax: (867) 975-4645

23 May 2012

EC file: 4704 004 041
NIRB file: 09UN052

Kelli Gillard
Technical Advisor
Nunavut Impact Review Board
29 Mitik, PO Box 1360
Cambridge Bay, NU X0B 0C0

Via email: info@nirb.ca

**RE: Application Acknowledgement and Comment Request for Fisheries and Oceans
Canada "Pangnirtung Small Craft Harbour Development"**

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the information submitted to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) regarding the above mentioned potential exemption. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act 1999*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) – Small Craft Harbours is proposing to renew Nunavut Water Board Type B water license 1BW-DUV0911 and the Fisheries Authorization 09-HCAA-CA7-00003 for the Pangnirtung Small Craft Harbour development project for an additional year, through 31 December 2013. In addition to the extension requests, DFO has applied for an additional project component, the geotechnical drilling of up to 20 boreholes in the harbour.

EC has no comments at this time regarding the renewal requests and the proposed additional project activity provided that the proponent is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the existing water license and Fisheries Authorization. Comments previously submitted on behalf of EC regarding this project (09UN052) would still apply. If there are any proposed changes to the project EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email at Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,



Paula C. Smith
Environmental Assessment Coordinator

cc: Carey Ogilvie (Head, Environmental Assessment-North, EPO, Yellowknife, NT)
Allison Dunn (Sr. Environmental Assessment Coordinator, EPO, Iqaluit, NT)
Ron Bujold (Environmental Assessment Technician, EPO, Yellowknife, NT)
Mark Dahl (Ocean Disposal Specialist, EPO, Winnipeg, MB)