

APPENDIX (2 comments)

Screening comment # 1 (of 2)	
Department	Environment
Organization	Government of Nunavut
Subject/Topic	Peary Caribou
References	16DN061 NOREX 17 Project Application
CONCERNS	
<p>The proposed project is located in the Peary Caribou annual range, specifically the Western Queen Elizabeth Islands population range. This caribou population is listed as “endangered” by the Species at Risk Act.</p> <p>Caribou have the potential to be observed at the different training exercises sites. Aircrafts and ground vehicles are likely to cause auditory and visual disturbances to caribou.</p>	
SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	
<p>Vigilance is required in order to minimize disturbance to caribou that may be present around camps, airstrips, the rifle range and the other sites where exercises will take place. The GN recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To reduce or cease exercises when caribou are observed in the vicinity of the exercises sites and if these exercises are likely to cause death or injuries, or excessive disturbance.• To prohibit hunting for all on-site personnel.• To prohibit all wildlife harassment.	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	
NA	

Screening comment # 2 (of 2)	
Department	Environment
Organization	Government of Nunavut
Subject/Topic	Rifle range
References	16DN061 NOREX 17 Project Application
CONCERNS	
Shooting exercises at the rifle range may cause injuries or death to wildlife that are present.	
SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	
The GN recommends that before every shooting exercise, a visual survey of the range and its surroundings be conducted to detect wildlife. Exercises should not begin until wildlife has left, and cease if it enters the range.	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	
NA	