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**Objet :** 18-HCAA-00071, Bridge Construction, Small Creek near Slidre Fiord, Eureka High Arctic Weather Station  
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**Subject: Serious Harm to Fish and Prohibited Effects on Listed Aquatic Species at Risk Can Be Avoided or Mitigated - 18-HCAA-00071, Bridge Construction, Small Creek near Slidre Fiord, Eureka High Arctic Weather Station**

Dear Dominic Matte:

The Fisheries Protection Program (the Program) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) received your proposal on January 29, 2018. We understand that you propose to:

- Construct a temporary bridge over Black Top Creek in June 2018;
- Construct a permanent bridge and four culverts over Black Top Creek in August 2018.

Our review considered the following information:

- Request for Review form and associated documents;
- Email correspondence with Laura Barz on February 19, 2018;
- Drawings of proposed project.

Construct a permanent bridge and four culverts over Black Top Creek in August 2018Your 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. Your 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 your plans are implemented in the manner, and during the timeframe, described, the Program has determined that your 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 your plans change or if you have omitted some information in your proposal, further review by the Program may be required. Consult our website (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>) or consult with a qualified environmental consultant to determine if further review may be necessary. It remains your responsibility 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 your *Duty to Notify* DFO if you 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 your responsibility to meet all other federal, territorial, provincial and municipal requirements that apply to your proposal.

If you have any questions with the content of this letter, please contact our Burlington office by email at [fisheriesprotection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:fisheriesprotection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca). Please refer to the file number referenced above when corresponding with the Program.

Yours sincerely,

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Fisheries and Oceans Canada has changed the way new project proposals (referrals), reports of potential *Fisheries Act* violations (occurrences) and information requests are managed in Central and Arctic Region (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories). Please be advised that general information regarding the management of impacts to fish and fish habitat and self-assessment tools (e.g. Measures to Avoid Harm) that enable you to determine *Fisheries Act* requirements are available at DFO's "Projects Near Water" website at [www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html). For all occurrence reports, or project proposals where you have determined, following self-assessment, that you cannot avoid impacts to fish and fish habitat, please submit to [fisheriesprotection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:fisheriesprotection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca). For general inquiries, call 1-855-852-8320.