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Nunavut Impact Review Board
29 Mitik Street, P.O. Box 1360
Cambridge Bay, NU
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Dear Reviewer:

**Subject: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for University of
Winnipeg's "Impacts of Wastewater at Baker Lake, Nunavut"
Project Proposal**

Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Fisheries Protection Program (DFO-FPP) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide comments on the University of Winnipeg's (the Proponent) application for the Impacts of Wastewater at Baker Lake, Nunavut (the Project).

As directed by the NIRB in their letter dated April 23, 2018, DFO-FPP is providing the following comments with respect to the Project's screening. DFO-FPP understands that the NIRB would like interested parties to provide comments regarding:

- 1) Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;

DFO-FPP is not aware of any significant public concern at this stage of review.

- 2) Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;

DFO-FPP has reviewed the Proponent's application pursuant to its mandate to maintain the on-going productivity of commercial, recreational, and Aboriginal fisheries. DFO-FPP has no concerns with the Project as proposed.

- 3) Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; if so, why;

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DFO-FPP has reviewed the Proponent's application pursuant to its mandate 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. Provided that the Project is implemented in the manner, and during the timeframe, described, the Project will not result in serious harm to fish or prohibited effects on listed aquatic species at risk.

- 4) Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and

DFO-FPP has no concerns on the amount of water taking outlined by the Proponent.

- 5) Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

It is your Duty to Notify DFO-FPP 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>.

If you have any questions please contact Jessica Epp-Martindale at our Burlington office at 905-336-4977 or by email at Jessica.Epp-Martindale@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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