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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 Agnico Eagle's "Whale Cove Area, Exploration Projects" 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 Agnico Eagle's (the Proponent) application for the Whale Cove Area, Exploration Projects (the Project).

As directed by the NIRB in their letter dated June 12, 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 requires additional information to assess the Proponent's application pursuant to its mandate to maintain the on-going productivity of commercial, recreational, and Aboriginal fisheries.

- 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 maintain the on-going productivity of commercial, recreational, and Aboriginal fisheries. At this time DFO-FPP does not have enough information to determine if the Project will result in serious harm. Additional information on the water bodies proposed to be used for water taking at each site, as well as water volumes.

- 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

Please refer to the Department of Fisheries and Ocean's 'Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Fish Screen Guideline' for further mitigation measures for intake structures.

- 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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