



Meliadine Mine Extension Project Reconsideration

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Oceans Canada to the
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DFO Mandate and Legislation

- Protect **all fish and fish habitat** in Canada
- *Fisheries Act* – No death of fish and changing/destroying fish habitat
- *Species at Risk Act* – protect, recover and conserve all listed aquatic species

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Comments & Recommendations

13 Technical Comments:

- 1. Scope**
- 2. Changes since 2014**
- 3. Baseline information on fish habitat**
- 4. Downstream impacts**
- 5. Road crossing design**
- 6. Annual reporting**
- 7. Aquatic invasive species**
- 8. Underwater noise from shipping**

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DFO-TRC-01

Scope

- New Fisheries Act (2019) provides stronger protection for all fish and fish habitat
- DFO to review all components of the project broader scope
- Resolved

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DFO-TRC-02

Baseline Assessment

- Lack of baseline information on:
 - Fish community
 - Channels between waterbodies, and seasonally inundated areas
 - Important habitat
- Resolved

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DFO-TRC-03

Hydrology

- Lack of information on impact on hydrology
 - Change direction and volume of flow
 - Cumulative impact
 - Seasonally used habitat
- Resolved

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Fish and Fish habitat

- Lack of information on fish habitat in watershed A, B, J , I, CH, W and X
- Impact of work on water levels, discharge, timing and duration of flows, fish migration and flow of nutrients
- Resolved

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DFO-TRC-09

Borrow pits

- Lack of information on impact of borrow pits on water balance, fish and fish habitat.
- Resolved

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DFO-TRC-10

Road Location and Construction

- Lack of information on location and impact of new road infrastructure on fish and fish habitat.
- Resolved

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DFO-TRC-11

Fish and Fish Habitat Annual Reporting

- Lack of information on fish and fish habitat in annual report to NIRB
- Additional appendix
 - Fish
 - Habitat
 - Fish passage
 - Fish-out
 - Measures implemented
 - Offsetting activities

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DFO-TRC-12

Aquatic Invasive Species

- Monitoring impact on marine environment does not include aquatic invasive species
- Include a Non-Indigenous Species/ Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Program around zones of higher risk.

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DFO-TRC-13

Underwater Noise from Shipping

- Lack of information on underwater noise produced by shipping vessels
- Monitor and model underwater noise to understand impact on marine mammals

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Conclusion

- 10 TRC resolved
- 3 TRC outstanding
- Most information provided for Reconsideration process and work continues into water license and Fisheries Act authorization

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Measures:

- Maintain water levels in watershed A and B.
- Road crossing design to allow fish passage

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Recommendations:

- Fish and fish habitat annual reporting
- Aquatic invasive species monitoring
- Underwater noise from shipping

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APPENDICES

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