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Davin St. Pierre  
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Nunavut Impact Review Board  
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Dear Davin St. Pierre:

**Subject: Serious harm to fish can be avoided or mitigated**

The Fisheries Protection Program (the Program) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada received the proposal for the Kahuna Diamond Project on December 8, 2016.

Based on the information provided, the proposal has been identified as a project where a *Fisheries Act* authorization is not required given that serious harm to fish can be avoided by following standard measures. Proposals in this category are not considered to need an authorization from the Program under the *Fisheries Act* in order to proceed. In order to comply with the Act, it is recommended that the proponent follow our guidance tools which can be found at the following website (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/measures-mesures/index-eng.html>). It remains the proponent's responsibility to meet the other requirements of federal, territorial and municipal agencies.

Should the plans change or if the proponent omitted some information in the proposal such that the proposal meets the criteria for a site specific review, as described on our website (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>), they should complete and submit the request for review form that is also available on the website.

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\*Those sections most relevant to the review of development proposals include 20 and 35 of the *Fisheries Act* and sections 32, 33 and 58 of the *Species at Risk Act*. For more information please visit [www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Eddy', written in a cursive style.

Sara Eddy  
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