



## **PARAGRAPH 35(2)(b) *FISHERIES ACT* AUTHORIZATION**

### **Authorization issued to**

Government of Nunavut (*hereafter referred to as the "Proponent"*)

Attention to: Juanie Pudluk

Government of Nunavut  
Community and Government Services  
Iqaluit, Nunavut  
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### **Location of Proposed Project**

Nearest community (city, town, village): City of Iqaluit

Municipality, district, township, county: Qikiqtani region (South Baffin)

Province: Nunavut

Name of watercourse, waterbody: Frobisher Bay Watershed

Longitude and latitude:

Causeway Parking Area: 63° 43.619'N, 68° 31.686'W

Municipal Breakwater Expansion: 63° 44.334'N, 68° 30.793'W

Northmart Breakwater: 63° 44.667'N, 68° 31.201'W

Snowmobile Ramp: 63° 44.635'N, 68° 31.620'W

### **Description of Proposed Project**

The proposed project of which the work, undertaking or activity authorized is a part involves:

For the Deep Sea Port (DSP), a causeway parking area will be constructed by placement of rock/fill within an intertidal area.

For the Small Craft Harbour (SCH), the North Breakwater will be expanded and a new snowmobile ramp at the causeway will be constructed by placement of rock/fill within an intertidal area.

### **Description of Authorized work(s), undertaking(s) or activity(ies) likely to result in serious harm to fish**

The work(s), undertaking(s), or activity(ies) associated with the proposed project described above, that are likely to result in serious harm to fish, are:

- For the DSP, the construction of a new causeway parking area.
- For the SCH, the expansion of the existing North Breakwater and construction of a new snowmobile ramp.

**The serious harm to fish likely to result from the proposed work(s), undertaking(s), or activity(ies), and covered by this authorization includes**

- For the DSP, infilling works that will result in the destruction of 6,780 m<sup>2</sup>

- For the SCH, infilling works that will result in the destruction of 390 m<sup>2</sup> (north breakwater) and the permanent alteration of 550 m<sup>2</sup> (snowmobile ramp) of fish habitat.

### **Conditions of Authorization**

The above described work, undertaking or activity that is likely to result in serious harm to fish must be carried on in accordance with the following conditions.

**1. Conditions that relate to the period during which the work, undertaking or activity that will result in serious harm to fish can be carried on**

The work, undertaking or activity that results in serious harm to fish is authorized to be carried on during the following period:

From the date of issuance to December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

If the Proponent cannot complete the work, undertaking or activity during this period, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) must be notified at least 30 days in advance of the expiration of the above time period. DFO may, where appropriate, provide written notice that the period to carry on the work, undertaking or activity has been extended.

The periods during which other conditions of this authorization must be complied with are provided in their respective sections below. DFO may, where appropriate, provide written notice that these periods have been extended, in order to correspond to the extension of the period to carry on a work, undertaking, or activity.

**2. Conditions that relate to measures and standards to avoid and mitigate serious harm to fish**

**2.1 Sediment and erosion control:** Sediment and erosion control measures must be in place and shall be upgraded and maintained, such that release of sediment is avoided at the location of the authorized work, undertaking, or activity, with the exception of sea disposal of the dredged material.

2.1.1 Rock or fill materials used for in-water construction shall be free of fines.

**2.2 List of measures and standards to avoid and mitigate serious harm to fish:** Described below and as set out in the Proponent's Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure – Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Fisheries Act Authorization Supplemental Report for Application, Section 5, dated May 15, 2019 or any subsequent versions (hereafter referred to as the "Iqaluit Application").

2.2.1 Heavy equipment shall access the intertidal areas during construction only when intertidal area is dry.

2.2.2 In-water construction activities shall be undertaken as outlined in the Iqaluit Application to minimize the potential for stress related behaviour or death of fishes and marine mammals.

2.2.2.1 Marine mammal exclusion zones around construction activities shall be established and monitored as outlined in the Iqaluit Application.

2.2.2.2 Underwater pressure and noise levels shall not exceed the thresholds of 30 kPa at 10 m and 160 dB re 1µPa, respectively, when conducting pile driving.

2.2.2.3 If construction is to occur during the iced-season, in-air sound levels shall not exceed the in-air acoustic threshold of 100 dB re 20µPa when pinnipeds are observed on the ice during construction activities.

2.2.3 Project-related vessels shall be operated as outlined in the Iqaluit Application to minimize the potential for negative interactions with marine mammals.

2.3 **Contingency measures:** Described below, and as set out in the Iqaluit Application, shall be put in place if monitoring required in condition 3 below indicates that the measures and standards to avoid and mitigate serious harm to fish are not successful.

2.3.1 Works shall cease if a marine mammal enters an exclusion zone and shall not recommence until 30 minutes after the marine mammal was last observed or 30 minutes after the marine mammal is seen leaving the exclusion zone.

2.3.2 If dead fishes or marine mammals are observed, works shall be suspended as outlined in the Iqaluit Application and DFO shall be notified within 48 hours. No work shall be recommenced until approved by DFO.

2.3.3 If underwater noise levels exceed the threshold (160 dB re 1 µPa), additional mitigation measures, such as the installation of bubble curtains and/or expansion of marine mammal exclusion zone, shall be implemented and DFO shall be notified.

2.3.4 Work shall be suspended if pinnipeds are exposed to in-air sound levels above the threshold (100 dB re 20 µPa) and DFO shall be notified. No work shall be recommenced until approved by DFO.

2.4 **Dates by which these measures and standards shall be implemented:** Measures and standards to avoid and mitigate serious harm to fish shall be implemented prior to the commencement of construction.

**3. Conditions that relate to monitoring and reporting of measures and standards to avoid and mitigate serious harm to fish**

3.1 **Monitoring of avoidance and mitigation measures:** The Proponent shall monitor the implementation of avoidance and mitigation measures referred to in section 2 of this authorization and provide an annual report to DFO, by **January 31, 2020 and 2021**, and summarizing whether the measures and standards to avoid and mitigate serious harm to fish were conducted according to the conditions of this authorization. This shall be done, by:

3.1.1 **Demonstration of effective implementation and functioning:** Providing dated photographs and monitoring reports to demonstrate effective implementation and functioning of mitigation measures and standards described above to limit the serious harm to fish to what is covered by this authorization.

3.1.2 **Contingency measures:** Providing details of any contingency measures that were followed, to prevent impacts greater than those covered by this authorization in the event that mitigation measures did not function as described.

3.2 **Other monitoring and reporting conditions:** Not applicable.

**4. Conditions that relate to the offsetting of the serious harm to fish likely to result from the authorized work, undertaking or activity**

4.1 **Letter of credit:** Not applicable – Territorial Government.

4.2 **Scale and description of offsetting measures:** Offsetting measures shall be carried out in accordance with the measures set out in the Iqaluit Application, Section 7.

4.2.1 Construction of a new Northmart Breakwater by installation of rock (500-1100 mm in diameter) to provide a minimum of 3,200 m<sup>2</sup> of enhanced fish habitat respectively, as identified in Figure 6-2.

4.3 **Offsetting criteria to assess the implementation and effectiveness of the offsetting measures:** All fish habitat offsetting measures shall be completed and functioning according to the criteria below and as set out in the Iqaluit Application, including:

4.3.1 The enhanced fish habitat (rock) has been installed as per the design specifications and shown to be stable.

- 4.3.2 The establishment of higher densities of seaweed are detected in areas of offsetting post-construction compared to the original habitat type, either pre-construction or reference site. Monitoring shall be completed through visual observation, ROV, or other methods approved by DFO.
- 4.4 **Contingency measures:** If the results of monitoring as required in condition 5 indicate that the offsetting measures are not completed by the date specified and/or are not functioning according to the above criteria in 4.3, the Proponent shall give written notice to DFO and shall implement the contingency measures and associated monitoring measures, as contained within the approved offsetting plan (referenced in section 4.2), to ensure the implementation of the offsetting measures is completed and/or functioning as required by this authorization.
- 4.4.1 **Scale and description of contingency measures:**
- 4.4.1.1 Should any of the offsetting criteria outlined in 4.3 not be met, then additional offsetting shall be developed in conjunction with DFO.
- 4.4.2 Monitoring measures to ensure offsetting contingency is completed and/or functioning as required: Additional field monitoring shall be completed to confirm targets outlined in 4.3 be met in a reasonable timeframe.
- 4.5 The Proponent shall not carry on any work, undertaking or activity that will adversely disturb or impact the offsetting measures.
- 4.6 Other conditions related to offsetting: Not applicable.
- 5. Conditions that relate to monitoring and reporting of implementation of offsetting measures (described above in section 4):**
- 5.1 **Schedule(s) and criteria:** The Proponent shall conduct monitoring of the implementation of offsetting measures according to the approved timeline and criteria in the Iqaluit Application, Section 7:
- 5.1.1 **List of timeline(s) and monitoring and reporting criteria:**
- 5.1.1.1 Monitoring of offsetting shall be conducted over five years (2021, 2023, and 2025) as outlined in the Iqaluit Application.
- 5.1.1.2 Inspect to ensure proper installation and stability of the offsetting structures to design specifications and locations submitted to DFO in the Iqaluit Application or any subsequent versions approved by DFO. Confirmation shall be completed through visual inspections, ROV surveys, or other methods approved by DFO
- 5.1.1.3 Confirm the presence of Arctic Char in the intertidal and subtidal areas surrounding the construction sites at DSP and SCH. Confirmation shall be completed through visual observation, ROV surveys, local fishing practices, communication and workshops with local Inuit community groups or other methods approved by DFO.
- 5.2 In addition to the outlined criteria in the Iqaluit Application, a digital photographic record of pre-construction, during construction, and post-construction conditions using the same vantage points and direction to show that the approved works have been completed in accordance with the Iqaluit Application.
- 5.3 **List of reports to be provided to DFO:** The Proponent shall report to DFO on whether the offsetting measures were conducted according to the conditions of this authorization by providing the following:
- 5.3.1 Post-construction evaluation and monitoring reports to be submitted for each monitoring year, on or before the following dates: **January 31, 2022, 2024, and 2026.**
- 5.4 Other monitoring and reporting conditions for offsetting: Not Applicable.

## Authorization Limitations and Application Conditions

The Proponent is solely responsible for plans and specifications relating to this authorization and for all design, safety and workmanship aspects of all the works associated with this authorization.

The holder of this authorization is hereby authorized under the authority of Paragraph 35(2)(b) of the *Fisheries Act*, R.S.C., 1985, c.F. 14 to carry on the work(s), undertaking(s) and/or activity(ies) that are likely to result in serious harm to fish as described herein. This authorization does not purport to release the applicant from any obligation to obtain permission from or to comply with the requirements of any other regulatory agencies.

This authorization does not permit the deposit of a deleterious substance in water frequented by fish. Subsection 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act* prohibits the deposit of any deleterious substances into waters frequented by fish unless authorized by regulations made by Governor in Council.

This authorization does not permit the killing, harming, harassment, capture or taking of individuals of any aquatic species listed under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) (s. 32 of the SARA), or the damage or destruction of residence of individuals of such species (s. 33 of the SARA) or the destruction of the critical habitat of any such species (s. 58 of the SARA).


At the date of issuance of this authorization, no individuals of aquatic species listed under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) were identified in the vicinity of the authorized works, undertakings or activities.

The failure to comply with any condition of this authorization constitutes an offence under Paragraph 40(3)(a) of the *Fisheries Act* and may result in charges being laid under the *Fisheries Act*.

This authorization must be held on site and work crews must be made familiar with the conditions attached.

This authorization cannot be transferred or assigned to another party. If the work(s), undertaking(s) or activity(ies) authorized to be conducted pursuant to this authorization are expected to be sold or transferred, or other circumstances arise that are expected to result in a new Proponent taking over the work(s), undertaking(s) or activity(ies), the Proponent named in this authorization shall advise DFO in advance.

Date of Issuance: OCT 07 2019

Approved by: 

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