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Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB)  
P.O. Box 1360  
Cambridge Bay, NU  
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Dear NIRB,

**Subject: Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) Mary River “Phase 2 Development” Project Proposal (NIRB File No: 08MN053) – Ballast Water Study Plan**

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is providing the attached Draft Ballast Water Study Plan as an update to DFO’s March 22, 2021 written response to QIA ID 33 (Government of Canada ID #34). QIA’s question inquired if DFO was going to submit a version of the Ballast Water Study Plan that the Department will be following to assist Baffinland in developing a risk-based biological sampling plan for project vessels associated with commitment DFO 3.6.5 NEW. The Draft Ballast Water Study Plan provides an overview on the sampling plan, sample and data analysis, safety protocols, and any training or workshops for community involvement. The Draft Ballast Water Study Plan is provided for discussion and information only, and will be subject to change based on engagement with the impacted communities, Inuit organizations, the proponent, and based on the status of health or safety measures associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you or any other parties have any questions, please contact Alexandra Sorckoff at 867-445-1630, or by email at [Alexandra.Sorckoff@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:Alexandra.Sorckoff@dfo-mpo.gc.ca). Please refer to the file number referenced above when corresponding with the Program.

Yours sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT (1) : Draft Ballast Water Study Plan

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