



April 4, 2024

Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.
Meliadine Gold Mine
Suite 879
Rankin Inlet, NU
Attn: Sophie Lacourse

Dear Mrs. Lacourse,

2024 Fisheries Field Program Letter of Support

The Kangiqliniq Hunters and Trappers Organization do not support AEM's request to Fisheries and Oceans Canada for an Application for a License to Fish for Scientific, experimental, educational or public display purposes as well as animal use protocol related to studies in support of the Meliadine Mine and fish habitat offsetting.

The following are reasons why KHTO does not support the application:

- *'the proposed work will include collecting fish at approximately 36 locations near the Meliadine Mine site.'*

This is far too many locations (36) for a study, KHTO are determined to lessen the amount of activity/research on our wildlife/environment in general.

- *'AEM plans to implant internal and external tags in Arctic Char captured..'*

KHTO do not want char to be tagged on this study.

- *'AEM plans to collect fish aging structures from 20 arctic char at Pistol Bay Falls..'*

KHTO do not see any benefit for seeking ages or sizes of char, it is invasive and Inuit accept the natural cycle of our fishes, we determine all aspects of our wildlife, sea animals, land animals within their natural cycles, no need for study.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna Adams', on a light-colored background.

Donna Adams
Manager, KHTO

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