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Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Subject: Fisheries and Oceans Canada Comments RE: Agnico Eagle's Meliadine Project 2025 Annual Report

Dear Keith Morrison,

The Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program (FFHPP) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) received your request for comments on April 15, 2026. DFO has reviewed Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) Meliadine Project 2025 Annual Report in accordance with its mandate, specifically the management, protection, and conservation of fish and their habitats.

DFO-FFHPP is generally agreeable with AEM's reporting in the 2025 NIRB Annual Report and offers comments in the attached worksheet for the NIRBs consideration.

In addition, DFO-FFHPP would like to take this opportunity to summarize DFO's monitoring activities and major updates regarding the Project from the 2025 reporting year. In general, AEM was in compliance with their Fisheries Act Authorization and with the *Fisheries Act*.

- ***Fisheries Act Authorization (FAA) Amendment:*** in 2025 DFO-FFHPP issued two authorizations to the proponent for the fish out and dewatering of waterbodies and watercourses: 24-HCAA-01238 to account for waterbodies lost under section 35 of the *Fisheries Act*, and 25-HCAA-00583 to account for waterbodies lost under section 36 of the *Fisheries Act* and listed in schedule 2 of the Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations. Monitoring, offsetting, and reporting requirements were included.



- **2025 Site Visit:** DFO completed a site visit at the Meliadine mine Project in July 2025. This included inspections of the dewatering and fish out activities, and inspections of culverts along the All Weather Access Road (AWAR), Rankin Inlet Bypass Road, and Exploration Road. The site was found to be largely compliant. DFO noted gravel build up at bridges along the AWAR to Agnico Eagle, and the proponent quickly updated their road maintenance plan to mitigate for this
- **2025 Scientific Data Collection:** Agnico Eagle completed their third and final year for baseline data collection as part of their Pistol Bay Falls Offsetting Project. Falls modification is scheduled to occur this summer (2026), with subsequent monitoring years scheduled for 2027, 2028, 2031, and 2036.
- **FAA Annual Report:** DFO received the 2025 FAA Annual Report and associated monitoring reports which summarize project activities, including dewater and fish out activities and Offsetting project monitoring results.