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Reg No. 2031

Ms. Natasha Warren
Environmental Services
Public Services and Procurement Canada
10 Barter's Hill
St. John's NL A1X 7P4

Dear Ms. Warren:

Re: Northeast River Placentia Fishway Reconstruction

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that this undertaking is released from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- No vegetation clearing is to occur within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) and 200 metres during the remainder of the year. The 200m buffer also applies to all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl). The location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources, Wildlife Division, at 709-637-2025; and
- A minimum 30-metre undisturbed, vegetated buffer is to be maintained along all waterbodies and wetlands that appear on a 1:50,000-topo map to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat. For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 709-637-2025.

Fisheries and Land Resources advises that a Crown Lands application is required for any structures that are to be built on Crown lands, including within the 15-metre shoreline reservation and any land under waterbodies in the project area. An application must also be made to Crown Lands for the temporary laydown area. For further information, please contact the Crown Lands Office at 1-833-891-3249.

The Land use Planning Division of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment advises that a permit from the Town of Placentia is required. For more information, please contact the Land Use Planning Division at 709-729-195.

Environment and Climate Change Canada recommends that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15th and August 15th in this region.

However, as some species protected under the Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA) do nest outside of this time period, it is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the MBCA and associated regulations. For further information, please contact Ms. Sydney Worthman, Canadian Wildlife Service, at 709-772-4221 or Sydney.Worthman@canada.ca.

In addition to the requirements noted above, the project is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals, and legislative requirements. You may also refer to the BizPaL website at www.bizpal.ca. BizPaL is an online tool that generates a list of permits, licences and authorizations that may be required when starting or expanding a business. You are also encouraged to contact Canada Business Newfoundland and Labrador (CBNL) for any additional information you may need in dealing with various levels of government. CBNL serves as a first point of access to federal and provincial government services, programs and regulatory requirements for business. CBNL can be reached by telephone at 1-888-576-4444 or online at www.canadabusiness.gc.ca.

Please note that you must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Ms. Joanne Sweeney, Director, at (709)729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



DERRICK BRAGG, MHA
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment
District of Fogo Island-Cape Freels

Attachment

cc: Hon. Sherry Gambin-Walsh, MHA
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Town of Placentia