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Reg. # 2170

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World Wildlife Fund Canada
Hughes Brook NL A2H 4A1

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

Re: Middle Barachois Brook Enhancement Project

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

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of the project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the project, within one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates, if requested. Please email project updates to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

Federal and provincial government departments and agencies that reviewed your project during the environmental assessment provide the following advice:

The Pollution Prevention Division of my Department advises that in order to ensure that a quick and effective response to a spill event is possible, spill response equipment should be readily available on site and you should consider developing a contingency plan specific to the project. Any spill or leak of gasoline or associated product is to be reported immediately



by calling the Environmental Emergencies Telephone Line at 772-2083 or 1-800-563-9089. For further information, please contact Robert Locke, Director, at (709) 729-5782.

The Water Resources Management Division of my Department advises that you must obtain permits for any work in a body of water including wetland; for the replacement of two (2) culverts along the Camp 180 access road; for dredging work within Middle Barachois Brook; for any work in shore water zones; and, for any infilling work within fifteen metres of a body of water, prior to project commencement. The agency also advises that any effluent or runoff leaving the site will be required to conform to the requirements of the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-1646.

The Occupational Health and Safety Division of Digital Government and Service NL advises that you must generally ensure that activities associated with the project are conducted in compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and its Regulations. This includes the responsibility for ensuring that contractors hired to perform work also comply with this legislation. For further information, please contact Kim Green at the Occupational Health and Safety Division at (709) 729-1932 or email KimberleyBannister@gov.nl.ca.

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture advises that Long Range Outfitters Inc. has been issued a Crown title within two kilometres of the project site and should be notified of the proposed undertaking. Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture informs that the Crabbes River Cottage Development Area is in the vicinity of the project site and you should be cognizant of the safety of cottage owners and other users during remediation activities. For further information, please contact Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture at (709) 729-1140.

The Mines Branch of the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology advises that quarry materials, if required, must be obtained from approved sources. For further information, please contact the Mines Branch at (709) 729-5748 or email stephenhinchey@gov.nl.ca.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans advises that the modernized *Fisheries Act* includes fish and fish habitat protection provisions which came into effect on August 28, 2019. For work conducted in or near water you should refer to the Projects Near Water website to get information about how to comply with the Fisheries Act and as well as information on the project review process. The "Projects Near Water" website is located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at 709 - 772-4140.



Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) 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. ECCC requests that you provide a GIS file of the project boundaries and study area so that the project can be mapped for consideration of cumulative effects. For further information, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service at (709) 772-4221.

Transport Canada advises that approval may be required from the Navigation Protection Program under the Canadian Navigable Waters Act. For further information, please contact Transport Canada at (709) 772-3088 or Melissa.Ginn@tc.gc.ca.

Although the undertaking as proposed is released from further environmental assessment, it 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 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.

Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, the Minister's decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If you have not commenced your project within this three-year period, you may apply to extend the three-year period for a maximum of three one-year periods, if needed. For further information, please email EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director of the Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Bernard Davis", written over a circular stamp or seal.

HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA
District of Virginia Waters - Pleasantville
Minister

Cc: Scott Reid, MHA, District of St. George's – Humber

Enclosures