

Gwich'inat Eenjit
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Gwich'in nan, nakhvek'yùu ts'at gwitr'it
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Gwich'in land, culture & economy for a better future

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Dear AlecSandra,

Re: G15L8-001 and 002 - Request for Comments Local Area Monitoring Program 2.1

We have reviewed the above-noted revision to the LAMP document. As we have noted in previous reviews, the ferry landings are all located within important traditional fishing and camping areas. Numerous traditional Gwich'in place names attest to the long history of use and cultural importance of these areas. Additionally, the ferry landings themselves have created sandbars and eddies as noted by Gwich'in harvesters. We have the following concerns with the application:

- There is no provision for the local assistant hired to conduct interviews being trained in anthropological research methods.
- All research materials (interview recordings, transcripts, reports) must be submitted to the DCH when each annual iteration of the LAMP is complete as per the GTC's TK Policy. The informed consent statement used in the interview should include a provision for this.

As with any application, if archaeological or heritage materials are encountered during the development within the Gwich'in Settlement Area, all work must cease immediately as required by law, and the DCH and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife must then be contacted.

Sincerely,

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