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Your file Votre référence
G16L3-002

Our file Notre référence
16-HCAA-01316

Dear Ms. Macdonald:

Subject: Serious harm to fish can be avoided or mitigated

The Fisheries Protection Program (the Program) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada received the renewal of the Municipal Water Licence for the Charter Community of Tsiigehtchic on September 28, 2016.

Based on the information provided, the proposal has been identified as a project where a *Fisheries Act* authorization is not required given that serious harm to fish can be avoided by following standard measures. The project as proposed is not considered to need an authorization from the Program under the *Fisheries Act* in order to proceed. In order to comply with the Act, it is recommended that the proponent follow our guidance tools which can be found at the following website (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/measures-mesures/index-eng.html>). It is also recommended to follow DFO's previous advice sent July 20, 2015. It remains the proponent's responsibility to meet the other requirements of federal, territorial and municipal agencies.

Should the plans change or if the proponent omitted some information in the proposal such that the proposal meets the criteria for a site specific review, as described on our website (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>), they should complete and submit the request for review form that is also available on the website.

Please be advised that it is also the proponents *Duty to Notify* DFO if it has caused, or are about to cause, serious harm to fish that are part of or support a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery.

Yours sincerely,

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*Those sections most relevant to the review of development proposals include 20 and 35 of the *Fisheries Act* and sections 32, 33 and 58 of the *Species at Risk Act*. For more information please visit www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca.