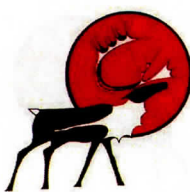


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April 4, 2019

Dear AlecSandra,

**Re: G19Q004 Quarrying km 147 Dempster Highway**

We have reviewed the above application, and have the following issues or concerns at this time.

There are numerous Gwich'in place names around this quarry. At the mouth of the creek nearby where it meets Nagwichoonyik (Mackenzie River), there is an eddy called K'inehdlajj. This eddy is used for fishing. The whole general area has been a fishing area for generations. To the south is a lake named Chii Echejj Van which is a fish lake, and used for drinking water. To the northwest is an area along the Mackenzie River named Chiidjēq Naa'ējj (Moonshine Bay) also used for setting fish nets. A creek that flows out to the Mackenzie River at the pull out entrance should also be noted. In this era of climate change, any activities on all quarry operation that may cause future slumps or landslides must be considered and care taken. As it appears from the application, there will be no direct impacts to these places. However, the development should not indirectly impact these Gwich'in heritage sites through dust and noise pollution or other effects. It is recommended that trucks hauling gravel should slow down when passing other vehicles on the road for safety reasons.

This is also a lot of Gwich'in traditional use of the area. On top of the hill is a good yellowberry picking area. There are hundreds of trails along the Mackenzie River a half a km away. The area is good habitat for beavers, rabbits, caribou, and moose, all of which are harvested. The development activities should not impact these traditional uses. This may mean that any available parking used by Gwich'in harvesters and land-users should remain in place, and that noise and dust should be kept to a minimum at times when it will most affect traditional use, using best practices. The DCH recommends consultation with the community of Tsiigehtchic to ensure traditional use will not be impacted by the operations of the pit, as the use will be seasonal in nature.

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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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