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Subject: MV2009L3-0025 Hamlet of Fort Liard Municipal Water Licence
Attachments: SC01175 - 2009 WL Renewal.pdf

Attn: Angela Plautz

Hi Angela,

Please find attached DFO's review comments regarding the renewal of Water Licence N3L4-1478 (hereafter MV2009L3-0025) for municipal water use and waste disposal at the Hamlet of Fort Liard. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at your convenience.

Regards,

Rick

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Attention: Angela Plautz

**RE: Water License MV2009L3-0025; Renewal of N3L4-1478
Hamlet of Fort Liard Municipal Water Licence**

Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Fish Habitat Management Program (DFO) received the above mentioned proposal on November 3, 2009, put forth by the Hamlet of Fort Liard. The proposal has been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat which are prohibited by the habitat protection provisions of the *Fisheries Act* or those prohibitions of the *Species at Risk Act* that apply to aquatic species.

From the proposal, we understand that the proponent plans to pump a maximum of 50,000 m³ of water from two groundwater wells located adjacent to the Liard River. The proponent is requesting that the Water Licence be valid from 2010 to 2020. After reviewing the proposal, DFO can conclude that the proposal is not likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat.

However in anticipation of future works, DFO would like to offer the following comment:

It is stated throughout the application that relocation of some municipal infrastructure and decommissioning of existing structures may occur within the applied timeframe for the requested Water Licence. If the Hamlet of Fort Liard decides to make these changes to municipal infrastructure, DFO recommends that a formal amendment application be submitted to ensure appropriate mitigation measures are in place at all sites to protect fish and fish habitat.

Regarding the question of exemption of this application from preliminary screening, we feel that this decision is under the jurisdiction of the MVLWB based on applicable legislation. We have no comment in this regard.

Please be advised that any impacts to fish and fish habitat which result from a failure to implement the proposal as described or incorporate the additional

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mitigation measures included in this letter could lead to corrective action such as enforcement.

If you have any questions please contact me at (867) 669-4926, by fax at (867) 669-4940, or by email at Rick.Walbourne@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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