



## Sahtu Land and Water Board

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File: S19L3-001

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Dear Mr. Coulter,

### **Issuance of Type B Water Licence Renewal for Great Bear Lake Lodge Ltd.**

Attached is Type B Water Licence S19L3-001 granted by the Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB or Board) in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and the *Waters Act*. Water Licence S19L3-001 has been approved for a period of five years commencing May 29, 2019 and expiring on May 28, 2024.

#### Preliminary Screening Exemption

The Board has approved the request for exemption from Preliminary Screening for this renewal application as the development has met the requirements outlined in Schedule 1, Part 1, section 2 of the Exemption List Regulations annexed to subsection 143(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

#### Land Use Plan Conformity

The Board has confirmed that the Project has been previously assessed against the conformity requirements of the Sahtu Land Use Plan and found to be in conformity with the Plan as set out in section 46 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

#### Water Licence S19L3-001 and Reasons for Decision

The Board has issued Water Licence S19L3-001 with a term of five years commencing May 29, 2019 and expiring May 28, 2024 (attached) with supporting Reasons for Decision (attached). The Board directs Great Bear Lake Lodge to ensure compliance with Licence S19L3-001 in addition to all applicable Federal, Territorial, Deline, Tlicho, and municipal legislation. For the purpose of submitting plans in accordance with this Licence, the date of this letter, May 21, 2019, is the date of commencement.

## Security

As per Licence Part C, condition 1, a security deposit in the amount of \$20,000 is required for this Water Licence as prescribed by Section 35(1) of the *Waters Act* and Section 11(3) of the *Waters Regulations*. The existing \$20,000 that has been posted with the Minister under Licence S17L3-001 will be transferred by the GNWT-ENR Water Resources Division to the renewed Water Licence S19L3-001.

## Management Plans – Approved

The Board has approved the following Plans summarized in Table 1:

**Table 1: Management Plans approved at Licence Issuance**

Condition Number	Title of Plan	Date Received
Part B, 17	Engagement Plan	April 30, 2018
Part G, 3	Spill Contingency Plan (version 4.0)	April 18, 2019
Part H, 2	Waste Management Plan (version 3.0)	April 18, 2019
Part I, 1	Closure and Restoration Plan (version 3.0)	April 18, 2019

## Management Plans – Requiring Submission

The Board requires that the **Spill Contingency Plan** be revised, primarily to reformat the Plan to be in accordance with the 2007 INAC Guidelines and to resubmit the Plan to the Board for approval within 9 months of this decision letter. Additional changes required include:

- Ensure all references such as standards, guidelines, acts or regulations that were used in the creation of the plan are included in the Spill Contingency Plan.
- Provide more description of the lodge and facilities as identified in the maps in the Appendix A and B.
- In Section 7, Table 5 of the SCP, the amount of fuel normally stored should be included in the Plan, not just the capacity of the storage tanks.
- Due to the proximity of fuel storage areas to Great Bear Lake, GNWT-ENR recommended that all spills, regardless of size are to be reported and cleaned up. This needs to be corrected in the SCP which states only spills > 100 L will be reported to the spill line and spills <100 L will be recorded at the lodge and cleaned up.
- A contact name and number for the Coast Guard needs to be added to Table 1.
- The contact for the Water Resources Officer (Inspector for the Sahtu Region) is to be changed from Erin Goose to Laurel McDonald ([laurel\\_mcdonald@gov.nt.ca](mailto:laurel_mcdonald@gov.nt.ca)).
- Future revisions include a concordance table documenting changes made.

Board staff are willing to assist GBLL with this task of reformatting the Spill Contingency Plan, if desired.

The Board requires that the **Waste Management Plan** be revised during the annual review of the Plan to include any changes in operations, technology, chemicals, or fuels, but also to include:

- More detail about the Incineration Management Strategy in a revised WMP that includes:
  - the selected incineration technology and rationale for selection;
  - the procedures for operation and maintenance; and
  - operator training and qualifications.

Public Registry

A copy of this Licence has been filed on the Public Registry at the SLWB office. Please be advised that this letter, with its attached procedures, inspection reports, and related correspondence is part of the Public Registry and is intended to keep all interested parties informed of the manner in which the Licence requirements are being met.

The full cooperation of Great Bear Lake Lodge Limited is anticipated and appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Bonnie Bergsma at (867) 496-2778 or email [bonnie.bergsma@slwb.com](mailto:bonnie.bergsma@slwb.com).

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Wallace". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L".

Larry Wallace  
Chair

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Attachments: Water Licence S19L3-001  
Reasons for Decision