



ENGAGEMENT PLAN AND LOG

Government of the Northwest Territories
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Program: Mile 222 Check Wildlife Station, Mackenzie Mountains

Project: Mackenzie Mountains Research and Monitoring Operations

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1.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The GNWT – Environment and Natural Resources has been operating and conducting research, monitoring, and enforcement operations in the Mackenzie Mountains. Since 2017, a fuel cache was established at Mile 222 in order to support a grizzly bear DNA project but expanded to support other wildlife research operations requiring refueling within the Sahtu Region and has been regularly maintained to meet requirements for fuel recertification and waste disposal.

As required to support ongoing and future operations, a maximum of 144 drums of jet fuel will be stored at ENR Mile 222 Cabin (63° 14' 57.39" N, 130° 1' 33.27" W), with contingent storage at Godlin Lake (63° 47' 1" N, 128° 46' 2" W), and Northwest Territories and Yukon border (63° 47' 1" N, 128° 46' 2" W). Currently there are 19 Drums of Jet A aviation fuel being maintained at Mile 222 as Sept 16 2022.

The local Indigenous groups, Tulita and Norman Wells Renewable Resource Councils, and Sahtu Renewable Resource Board have been made aware of our maintained fuel cache since inception of the grizzly bear project and from ongoing operations (2017 to present) at Mile 222. We have scheduled a conversation with SRRB about funding and logistics for work to be done in 2023 that will require the use of this fuel cache. We will be involving the Tulita and Norman Wells RRCs in the conversation shortly thereafter. We have attached the previous consultation from 2017 below and are requesting that additional consultation not be required.

2.0 IDENTIFIED STAKEHOLDERS/ENGAGEMENT PARTICIPANTS

As part of the engagement requirement of the Land Use Permit application, the following parties were notified of the potential fuel storage on Monday, May 1, 2017 by email. The following interest groups have been engaged regarding the fuel storage component of this project:

- The Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated (SSI)
- Tulita District Land Corporation
- Norman Wells Land Corporation
- Sahtu Renewable Resource Board
- Fort Norman Metis Land Corporation

2.1 Methods of Engagement

All interest groups were notified of the fuel storage requirement of this project on Monday, May 1st, 2017. The details and scope of the fuel storage component were outlined in the email that was sent to interest groups mentioned above.

2.0 PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT – WILDLIFE RESEARCH PERMIT

Government of the Northwest Territories – Environment and Natural Resources has provided previous engagement for the Grizzly Bear DNA Survey Wildlife Research Permit. Additional questions and concerns regarding this component should be addressed to Robert Mulders, GNWT Wildlife Biologist, Rober_Mulders@gov.nt.ca, (867) 767-9237 ext. 53226.

- Attended AMMO AGM in 14th Dec 2015; discussion on proposed DNA study
- Met briefly with Deb Simmons and Leon Andrew (in YK @ PWNHC) on 22 Sept. 2016
- Formally submitted my Wildlife Research Permit Application - 11th Oct. 2016
- Joined Conference call with SERM working group on 13th Oct. 2016 – discussed study
- Approval & Recommendation form received from NWRRC on 18th Oct. 2016 for WRP Appl.
- Several chats with Deb Simmons seeking advice on how to engage TRRC.
- Attended AMMO AGM on 12th Dec 2016; Discussion on proposed DNA study
- Despite several requests; No formal response from TRRC on WRP Application.
- Attended SERM Workshop in Tulita, Feb 7-9, 2017; DNA Bear study was discussed
- Met with Tulita RRC on Feb. 9, 2017 – 8:00 pm to discuss my WRP application
- Mid Feb; ENR Sahtu Region provided funds to facilitate TRRC meeting with elders
- TRRC and Tulita elders met on 21st March to discuss Grizzly Bear DNA study.
- On 30 Mar, 2017, I received a Wildlife Research Permit (WL500495) for this study.
- On 21 Apr 2017, I received a summary of elder questions & recommendations
- Phone and e-mail contact with Canol Outfitters (Glenda Groat) 27 Apr, 2017