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via email: selsasser@wlwb.ca

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Dear Sarah Elsasser:

RE: W2016L8-0001 – GNWT INF – Tlicho All Season Road – WLWB Information Request

I am writing in response to the information request submitted by the Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board (WLWB) on July 23, 2019 about updates to the Wildlife Monitoring and Management Plan (WMMP).

Environment and Climate Change Canada's response and specialist advice is provided based on our mandate, specifically in the context of the *Migratory Birds Convention Act and the Species at Risk Act*.

Please contact Russell Wykes at (867) 669-4743 or Russell.Wykes@Canada.ca if you require more information.

Sincerely,

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Attachment(s): ECCC IR Response

cc: Georgina Williston, Head, Environmental Assessment North (NT and NU)

#	Subject	Information Request
2	Tłıchq All Season Road, Wildlife Monitoring and Management Plan Version 3.3.	<p>“Please confirm that the additional information in Section 5.2.8 of the WMMP, Version 3.3, satisfies your department with regards to the relevant EA Measures and the associated objective, and if not, please provide rationale.”</p>
ECCC Response		
<p>ECCC offers the following response:</p> <p>The additional information provided in section 5.2.8 to the Wildlife Monitoring and Management Plan (WMMP) contributes towards meeting the relevant EA measures and associated objectives. The proponent has carried out the Tłıchq All Season Road (TASR) Migratory Bird Baseline Study Plan, Version 3.2 as agreed to by GNWT Department of Infrastructure (GNWT-INF), GNWT Department of Environment and Natural Resources (GNWT-ENR) and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) (see attached). Understandably, the GNWT-INF has yet to provide ECCC with results, locations, or data from the baseline study conducted, which ECCC will use to assess whether the data demonstrates baseline conditions in order to determine the abundance, distribution, and habitat use of species at risk in the TASR study area before road construction. GNWT-INF has committed to providing the analysis and data before the end of August prior to the commencement of construction.</p> <p>The WMMP does not provide details on what type of measurable results from these surveys would warrant additional mitigations (i.e. thresholds). ECCC expects that the data collected this field season should inform the development of thresholds and additional mitigation measures, if warranted.</p> <p>ECCC will continue to work with GNWT- INF and GNWT- ENR to review the draft report of the findings of the field program and associated thresholds and additional mitigation measures that may be proposed based on the survey results.</p>		