

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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New Shoshoni Ventures
CC: MVLWB
Subject: Presentations for Joint Public Hearing (EA-03-002, EA-03-003, EA-03-004)

NOTES:

Attached please find submissions from:

Department of Fisheries and Oceans
GNWT-RWED
Correspondence re: INAC's submission

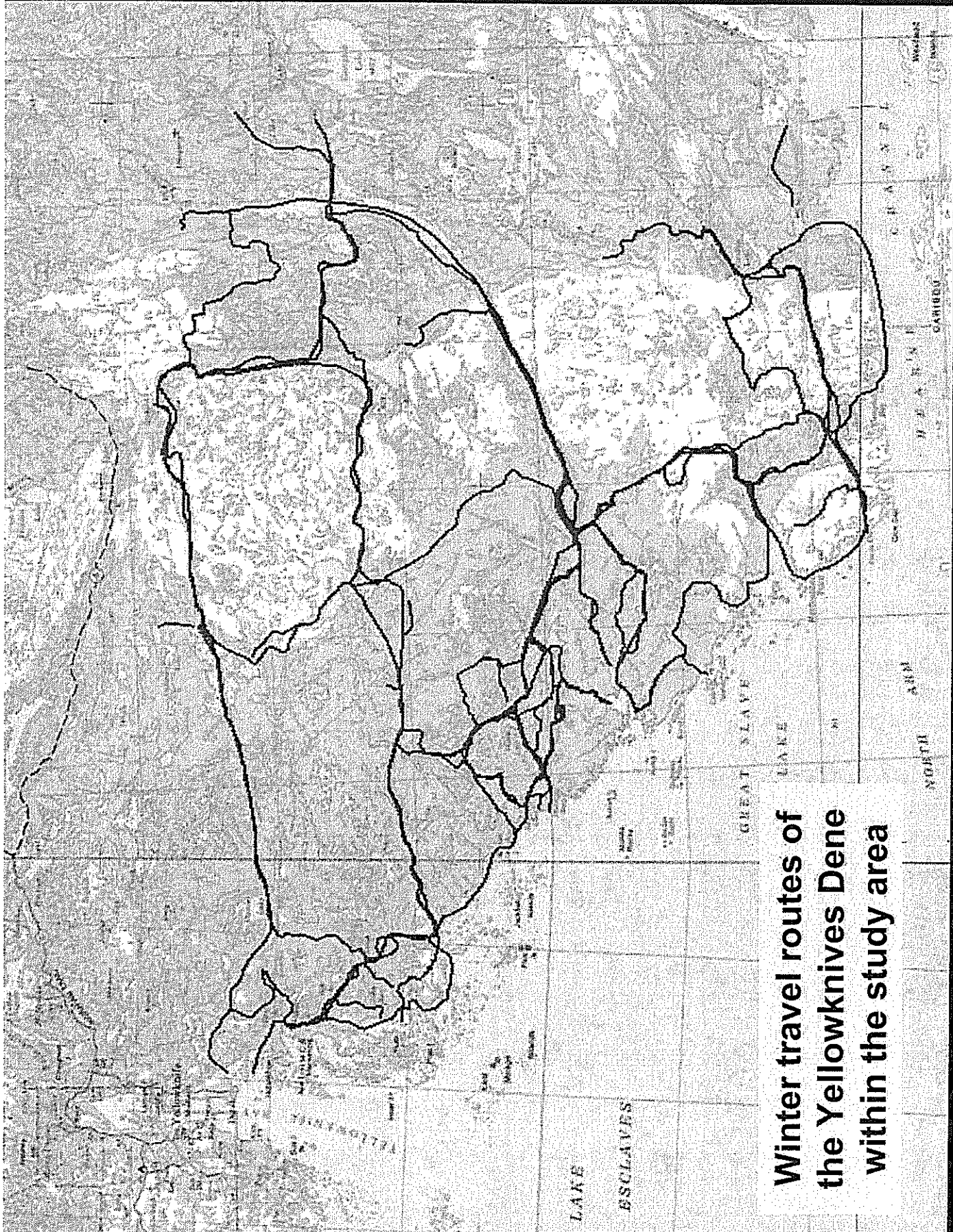
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Wildlife related activity in the Wool Bay/Drybones Bay area, Great Slave Lake

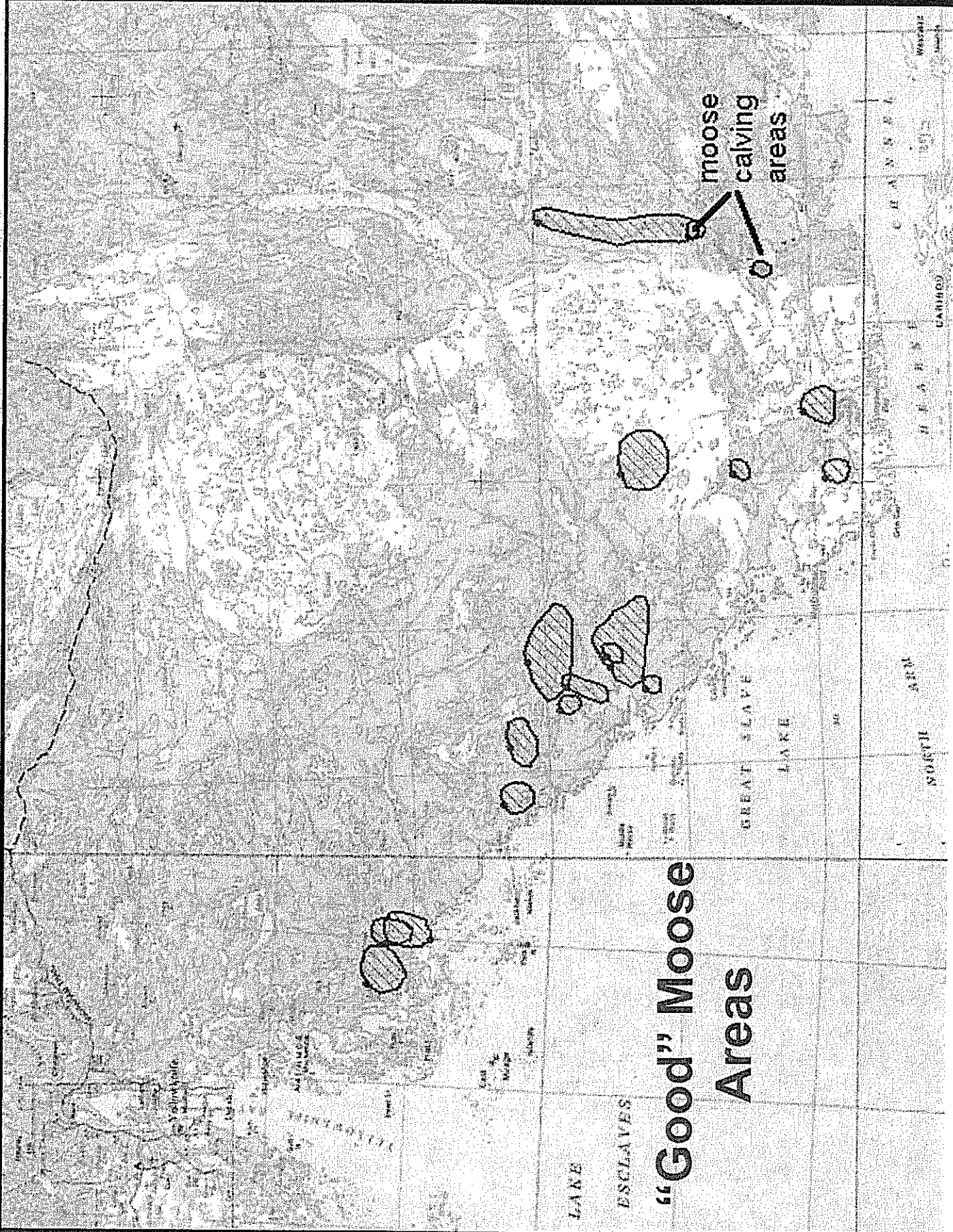
As told by the Yellowknives Dene elders and hunters

– Drybones Bay workshop July 2003

GNWT – RWED North Slave Region



Winter travel routes of the Yellowknives Dene within the study area



“Good” Moose Areas

LAKE

ESCLAVES

GREAT SLAVE LAKE

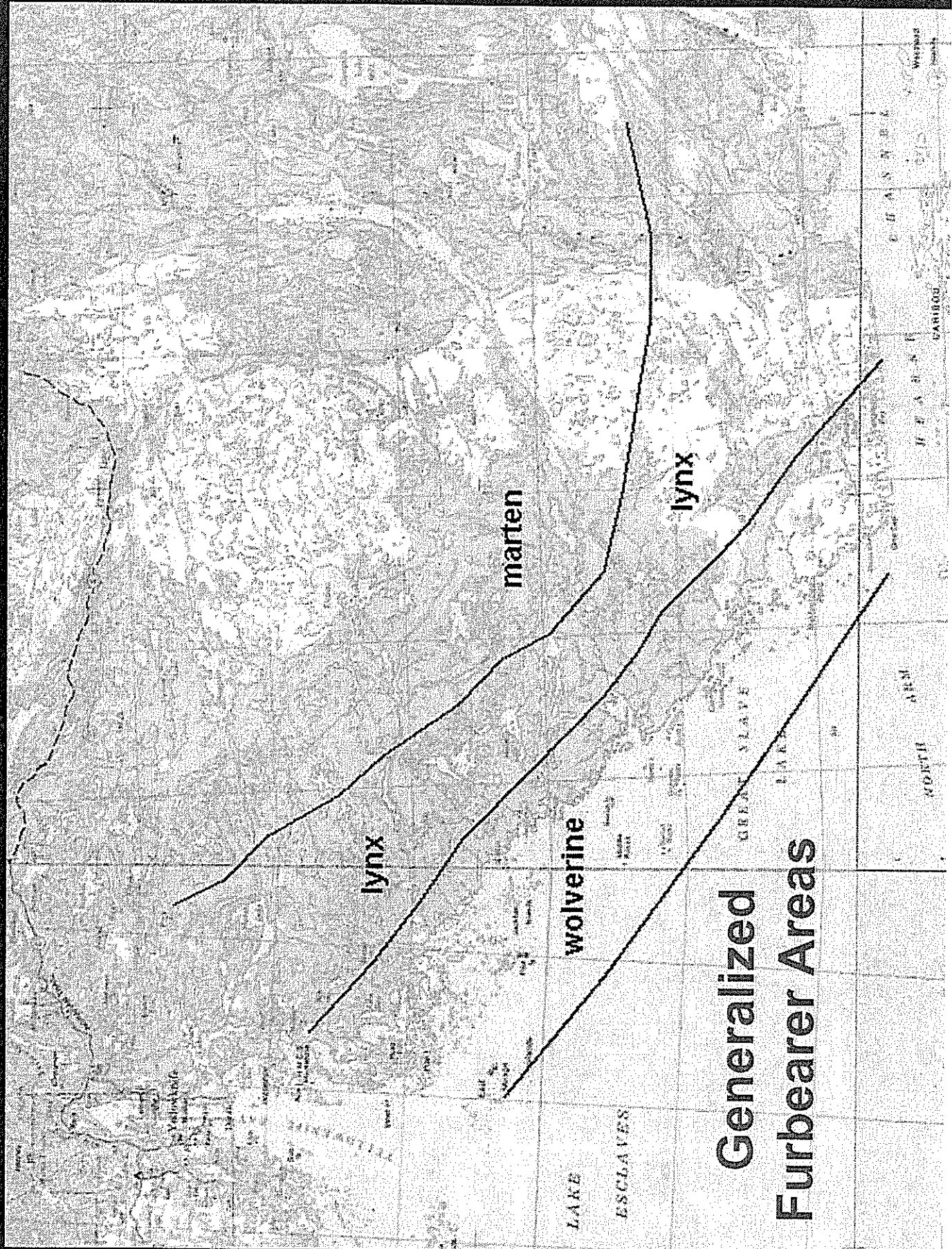
LAKE

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moose calving areas



Generalized Furbearer Areas

lynx

marten

wolverine

lynx

LAKE

ESCLAVES

GREEN SLAVE

LAKE

ARM

NORTH

YUKON RIVER

YUKON

TERRITORY

WATERBURY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Summary

1. The Yellowknives Dene have traveled extensively over the land within the study area and beyond.
2. Repeated moose sightings identified areas of "good" moose areas. Two calving areas were noted.
3. Seasonal migration of moose noted.
4. Sightings and areas frequented were identified for beaver, otter, mink, and muskrat.
5. Less specific information available for wolverine, lynx, and marten abundance.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)

Public Hearing Presentation
on the Proposed
Diamond Exploration Projects in
Drybones Bay

DFO's Approach to its Technical Review

- Understanding the story:
 - what are the components of the project;
 - what are the predicted impacts related to the various components;
 - what are the mitigation measures proposed or available to deal with these impacts; and
 - what is the magnitude and extent of the residual or unmitigated impacts

Overview of DFO's Technical Review

- Participated in the Technical Review of the proposed projects since February 2003
- Provided input to MVLWB on Prelim. Scrng, as Letter of Advice issued to CGV and NSV
- Review of Developers Assessment Reports (DAR) during EA
 - identified discrepancies with original applications
 - Location, drill depth, scope of project descriptions
- Requested clarification of project descriptions, and bathymetric data
 - verify that fish spawning shoals and inland water sources would not be impacted

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Ltd.

- Issues -

- **Project Description:** needs to be revised since geophysical surveys and helicopter usage are not included in the DAR
- **Great Slave Lake:** DFO now satisfied that at drill site locations, there is sufficient water depth to prevent drilling on shoals
- **Hearne Channel Site:** Bathymetric data (depth, volumes) has not been provided for water sources
 - There is insufficient water volume information for winter conditions to determine the extent of drawdown
 - Alternate water sources not identified
- **Recommend:** Developer follows DFO's Protocol for Water Withdrawal in the Northwest Territories (< 5 % in winter)
- **Recommend:** The Developer should not drill in water < 11 m
- **Recommend:** Monitoring of drilling and confirmation of water depths
- **Recommend:** Developer follows advice provided by DFO in a letter dated March 17, 2003

North American General Resources Corporation

- Issues -

- **Locations and Water Depth at Proposed Drill Sites:** DFO is not satisfied that at drill site locations, there is sufficient water depth to prevent drilling on shoals.
- **Recommend:** Developer should not drill in water < 11 m unless the water is frozen to the substrate so that winter fish habitat is not impacted
- **Recommend:** monitoring of drilling and confirmation of depths
- **Recommend:** Developer should follow advice provided to other developers

New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd.

Issues

- **Project Description:** needs to be revised since cut lines, rock and till sampling, and airborne surveys have not been included in the DAR but were in the LUP application. It is not clear why a 5-year Land Use Permit (LUP) is required.
- **Locations and Water Depth at Proposed Drill Sites:** The drill sites on the schematic map in the DAR differ from the LUP application. DFO satisfied that at new drill site locations there is water depth available to prevent drilling on shoals
- **Recommend:** The LUP (if approved) should only permit work undergoing environmental assessment.
- **Recommend:** The LUP application and DAR should be amended to include the revised drill sites
- **Recommend:** The Developer should not drill in water < 11 m
- **Recommend:** Monitoring of drilling and confirmation of water depths
- **Recommend:** Developer follows advice provided by DFO in a letter dated May 5, 2003

Sherry Sian

From: Sherry Sian
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2003 9:29 AM
To: 'Fraser Fairman'
Cc: Lionel Marcinkoski
Subject: RE: Reminder for Presentation Deadline (EA-03-002, EA-03-003,EA-03-004)

Hello Fraser,

I have looked into this and procedurally there is no problem with making a statement as opposed to a formal presentation. However, we will need a summary of key points for this statement.

Please call me if you have any questions. Thanks.

Sherry

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Subject: Re: Reminder for Presentation Deadline (EA-03-002, EA-03-003,EA-03-004)

Hello Sherry:

Thanks for the reminder. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada will not be making a formal presentation at the Public Hearings and therefore has no submission.

INAC would to make a statement during our time allotment and therefore would like to request 10 minutes.

INAC will answer questions at the Public Hearing.

If you have any questions concerning our involvement please let me know.

Cheers Fraser

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