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## RE: Selwyn Resources Ltd. Environmental Assessment

Dear Nicole,

As discussed, DFO does not have any concerns from a fish habitat perspective with the mineral exploration project being assessed. The following information from the Developer's Assessment Report and personal communication with Justin Himmelright, Selwyn Resources has led to this conclusion:

- 1. No stream crossings are planned as part of the development in the NWT.
- 2. Sump and drill sites will be a minimum of 30 metres from any water body. This should be clarified to be 30 metres from the high water mark of any water body.
- 3. Water intakes will be properly screened as per the DFO Freshwater Intake End-of Pipe Fish Screen Guideline.
- 4. Water sources will be high elevation alpine streams with seasonal flow and steep reaches that would be a barrier to fish passage.
- 5. All camps and bulk fuel storage will be located in the Yukon.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (867) 669-4931.

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