Information Request from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans

Re: EA0506-005 Consolidated Goldwin Ventures

To: Consolidated Goldwin Ventures

**Subject**: Potential impacts to fish habitat from drilling and water withdrawal

**Preamble**: Our review of the application and scope of the proposed work does not provide specific delineation of the drill sites within specific bodies of water. On page 7 of the "Modified Development Assessment Report" that was submitted with the application, it is stated that "drill site areas are located on land or near the main shoreline of Great Slave Lake, Moose Lake or various other ponds and lakes."

DFO understands that the company cannot provide site specific information at this stage of exploration. However, the company should describe the process they will use to protect fish habitat once potential drill sites are determined. Mitigation such as drilling in areas frozen to the substrate or in deep water is not described.

**Request**: Please describe the process that will be employed to identify sensitive fish habitat such as spawning shoals when potential drill sites are delineated and the process that will be used to determine the volume or depth of water in various other lakes and ponds.

The company should also describe specific mitigation measures.

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