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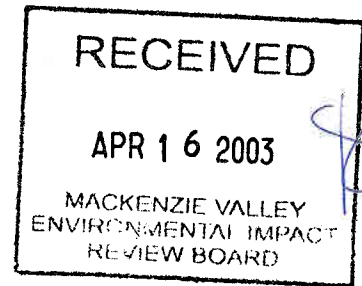
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RE: Northrock Resources Ltd - Summit Creek B44 Exploration Well, near Tulita - DFO Comments on Draft Scope of the MVRMA Environmental Assessment

Dear Martin,

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Western Arctic Area (DFO) has reviewed the draft scope of the Environmental Assessment under *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) for the above mentioned project proposal and is providing the following comments.

1. The following information should be included in the "Development Description" section

- The latitudes and longitudes of any temporary stream crossings and landing strips or landing pads constructed to facilitate the. Please refer to the attached *DFO Protocol for Temporary Winter Access Water Crossings for Oil and Gas Activities in the Northwest Territories*.
- Description of watersources to be accessed. Please note, last year DFO accepted limited watersource information due to project timing constraints. Such information is unacceptable at this time because the proponent has this upcoming open water season to obtain information as per the attached *DFO Protocol for Water Withdrawal for Oil and Gas Activities in the Northwest Territories*.
- Amount of water required for camp usage and construction of landing strips/pads and ice bridges should be included in this section.
- Location and proximity of the infrastructure (sump, camps, fuel storage, wellsite etc.) to waterbodies.

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2. Cumulative Effects

Please describe the potential for cumulative effects on fish and fish habitat due to water withdrawal in this section.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Pete Cott at (867) 777-7520 or myself at (867) 777-7521.



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