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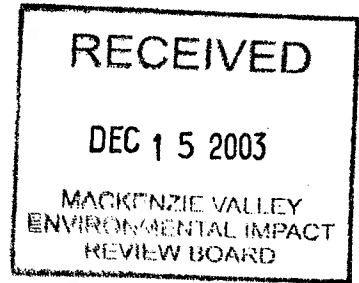
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To: Vern Christensen, E.D. MVEIRB	From: David Etchinelle
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Re: Stewart Lake Winter Work	CC: [Click here and type name]

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Letter of Concern – requesting action as soon as possible



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December 15, 2003

Sahtu Land and Water Board
P.O. Box 1,
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Attention: Patrick

RE: Northrock Resources Ltd. Winter Work

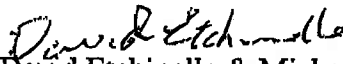
We have serious concerns about the winter work being done at Stewart Lake by Northrock Resources Ltd. Mike Widow, my sons Michael and Shawn and myself have gone to Stewart Lake to hunt and to set fish net on December 6, 2003. The three of us have gone back to Tulita because we had to work but Mike Widow stayed on due to the nets that are set. We have noticed that the slashing crew was at work there when we arrived and left. Mike Widow noted that the winter work crew arrived on Tuesday, December 9, 2003 and that there was a lot of activity going on at the camp site. Upon checking the net after the work crew arrived, he noted that the net was freezing to the ice and that the water level was getting low but he didn't know why this was happening because we have always set nets on Stewart Lake every winter and this has not happened before. There was a great deal of activity near the end of Stewart Lake so he decided to check this out and has gone across to the end of the lake. He noted that the work crew was using the water at the output of Stewart Lake to make snow for the project. The output flows out of Stewart Lake and this means that they are using the waters of Stewart Lake and therefore disturbing the level of the lake. He has been checking the nets on a daily basis but on the last day before he has left, he again checked the net but the net was frozen solid to the ice, this has never happened before. He had no choice but to drag the net out with the skidoo thus ripping the new net to shreds and also noted that the water level was lower than the previous day. There were no monitors present at the work site at this time. We had tried to contact someone with this concern but was not able to contact anyone until today.

We have requested the water from Stewart Lake will not be used for any purposes during any winter projects being done in the area for these reasons. There is a noticeable disturbance to the water level and also to the number of fish in the water due to the Northrock Resources Ltd. winter work even though we have asked your firm not to allow them to use the water at Stewart Lake. We are not against any winter work but if there is environmental disturbance to the water, we think some actions to be taken as soon as possible.

We are very concerned about this and we are requesting that some actions be taken to stop further disturbances to the water of Stewart Lake and the fish.

We thank you for your action.

Yours truly,


David Etchinelle & Michael Widow
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