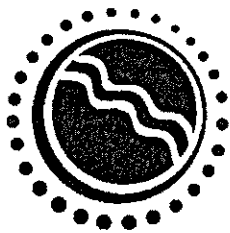


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NOTES:

Refer to attached. Thanks.

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IR Response



IR Response

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BDY

Please find attached GNWT responses to two Snowfield IRs (1.1.11 and 1.1.12). These were prepared by Raymond Bourget of the North Slave Region office.

*Gavin More
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IR Number: 1.1.11

Source: Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

To: (1) Snowfield Development Corporation and
(2) INAC, EC, GNWT-RWED and DFO
(3) GNWT-RWED and DFO

DAR Section: L Cumulative Effects

ToR Section:

L *Cumulative Effects* “identify other human activities that can affect those same Valued Components; [...] describe the potential combined impact of the proposed undertaking in conjunction with previous, present and reasonably foreseeable human activities”

- a Please list all non-permit requiring activities in the area of Drybones Bay and along the shoreline of Great Slave Lake along the proposed main winter access road, including SDC’s proposed project area.

The RWED North Slave Regional Office is not able to list "all" non-permit requiring activities, as there may be some that we are not aware of. We are uncertain if the term "non-permit" refers to activities that do not require a land use permit or activities that do not require any form of licencing or permitting. For the purpose of this question, we assume that the term refers to any activities not requiring any form of licence or permit. The activities would be:

- **Camping**
 - **Berry picking**
 - **Picnicking**
 - **Skiing**
 - **Snowmobiling**
 - **Boating**
 - **Hiking**
- b Please list all known recreational use in the area of Drybones Bay and along the shoreline of Great Slave Lake along the proposed main winter access road, including SDC’s proposed project area.
- **Sport fishing**
 - **Sport hunting**

- **Camping**
 - **Picnicking**
 - **Skiing**
 - **Boating**
 - **Snowmobiling**
 - **Fire-wood cutting for use during recreational activities in the area.**
- c Please list all known traditional or subsistence use in the area of Drybones Bay and along the shoreline of Great Slave Lake along the proposed main winter access road, including SDC's proposed project area.
- **Hunting**
 - **Trapping**
 - **Fishing**
 - **Berry picking**
 - **Medicinal Plant collection**
 - **Camping**
 - **Picnicking**
 - **Fire-wood cutting for use during activities in the area.**
 - **Travel corridor to other hunting/trapping areas in the winter time.**
- d How, if at all, are these activities being tracked by your department?
- **There is no system of tracking in place with RWED. Occasional patrols are made into the area in the summer and numbers of people and their activities are noted.**
 - **The issuance of fishing licences and hunting licences is tracked by RWED. However, this tracking does not provide any information on the usage of the area.**
- e What level of use is noted in the Drybones/Wool Bay area? Please use indicators (i.e., fish harvested per year or person days of use), if available.
- **RWED does not have any quantitative information on the usage of the area.**
 - **Occasional patrols are made into the area in the summer and numbers of people and their activities at that time are noted.**
- f What trends in use levels, if any, have been noted for the activities identified in questions non-permit requiring activities and recreational and traditional land uses?
- **RWED has not monitored the use in this area sufficiently to be able to provide an answer.**

(3) GNWT-RWED and DFO may be familiar with the commercial land and water use pressures due to their mandated responsibilities. These departments are to respond to the following, to the extent possible:

- a Please provide an inventory and forecast of commercial fishing and tourism in the area of Drybones Bay and along the shoreline of Great Slave Lake along the proposed main winter access road, including SDC's proposed project area.
 - **Sport hunting by non-residents is permitted in the project area for black bears, wolverine and wolf. However, RWED is not aware of any Big Game Outfitters making use of the area to date.**
 - **There are a total of ten tourism outfitters licenced to conduct general outfitting, sport fishing and eco-tours in the Great Slave Lake area.**
 - **RWED does not have any quantitative information on the usage of the area for tourism purposes.**

IR Number: 1.1.12

Source: Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

To: RWED, All Aboriginal Parties

DAR Section: G Public Consultation

ToR Section:

G-1 *Consultation:* “Provide a table of all consultation undertaken with the public, Aboriginal organizations, land owners, federal, territorial and municipal governments, and others. [...] Any consultation since preliminary screening should be included.”

G-2 *Issues Resolution Table:* “Provide a summary table of all issues raised, resolution (including cross-reference to the portion of the development description where it is explicitly addressed) and outstanding issues.”

Preamble

The DAR suggests that little traditional land use is expected to coincide with the project and if it does, the overlap will be of short duration. Based on this, the DAR concludes that there will be no effect on traditional land use. However, SDC’s DAR also shows no consultation with Aboriginal peoples and little with government agencies since the referral to EA. Other evidence on the Public Registry indicates concerns about impacts to traditional land use. In order for the Review Board to determine the significance of any potential adverse impact to traditional land use, baseline information is needed. The Review Board is aware of some traditional land use information collected by RWED for trapping and other traditional land use. Some information may also be compiled by Aboriginal parties to this EA, including DKFN, NSMA, NWT Métis Nation, and YKDFN about gathering, hunting, trapping and/or fishing.

Request

GNWT-RWED is requested to supply any available statistics for trapping and harvest levels in the North Slave region for the past 5-10 years. In addition to statistics on the level of trapping and harvesting, information on the total income from trapping and the value of the harvest will be of interest. This would include value as food source.

- **Value of meat from harvested fur bearers is estimated at:**

Muskrat- \$ 5.00 per animal
Beaver - \$ 20.00 per animal

There are no other fur bearers whose meat is commonly consumed in the North Slave Region.

- **The fur harvest for the North Slave Region is as follows:**

Yearly-Summary

Region: North Slave

	<i>Species</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>Advance</i>	<i>SoldPrice</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>Advance</i>	<i>SoldPrice</i>
	Bear, Black	9	420.00	874.40	Mink	596	14,190.00	7,697.00
	Beaver	984	23,852.50	21,937.03	Muskrat	1121	2,742.00	2,838.98
	Fox, Cross	19	465.00	447.28	Otter	7	185.00	636.74
	Fox, Red	25	657.00	551.90	Squirrel	8	6.75	14.69
	Fox, White (Arctic)	6	150.00	176.61	Weasel	24	22.75	85.19
	Lynx	29	2,055.00	2,024.88	Wolf, Boreal	15	1,460.00	1,630.96
	Marten	1101	58,623.50	47,774.81	Wolf, Tundra	1	50.00	15.70
	Mink	154	3,746.50	3,327.53	Wolverine	29	3,209.50	6,982.02
	Muskrat	2770	9,738.00	7,631.77	2000	4939	174,538.00	160,055.24
	Otter	9	475.00	576.04	Bear, Black	3	375.00	521.54
	Squirrel	57	61.40	60.02	Beaver	267	6,555.00	4,807.87
	Weasel	5	6.60	17.73	Fox, Cross	13	315.00	507.27
	Wolf, Boreal	57	11,688.00	7,869.43	Fox, Red	54	1,315.00	1,975.70
	Wolf, Arctic	1	200.00	48.30	Fox, Silver	3	75.00	101.19
	Wolverine	33	4,805.00	4,635.01	Fox, White (Arctic)	8	200.00	183.62
1997		5259	116,943.50	97,952.74	Lynx	68	3,085.00	7,575.34
	Bear, Black	4	180.00	403.53	Marten	1825	100,010.00	115,170.98
	Beaver	618	14,447.00	11,266.52	Mink	165	4,080.00	2,712.45
	Fox, Cross	8	200.00	88.46	Muskrat	150	354.50	495.22
	Fox, Red	21	525.00	311.20	Otter	2	60.00	207.00
	Fox, Silver	1	25.00	26.28	Squirrel	18	17.50	43.64
	Lynx	31	1,775.00	1,495.56	Weasel	14	12.00	56.33
	Marten	703	37,890.00	25,826.99	Wolf, Boreal	3	200.00	332.40
	Mink	128	3,055.00	1,832.41	Wolf, Tundra	6	1,050.00	1,432.20
	Muskrat	3884	9,555.50	6,451.39	Wolverine	51	2,450.00	12,654.60
	Otter	5	145.00	209.57	2001	2650	120,154.00	150,777.35
	Squirrel	87	69.00	83.27	Beaver	269	6,655.00	4,757.82
	Weasel	7	13.00	19.33	Fox, Cross	17	405.00	654.60
	Wolf, Boreal	28	6,635.00	4,728.31	Fox, Red	30	740.00	1,296.15
	Wolf, Tundra	10	2,000.00	2,153.45	Fox, Silver	2	25.00	16.43
	Wolverine	18	2,465.00	1,716.28	Lynx	36	1,755.00	4,359.59
1998		5553	78,979.50	56,612.55	Marten	2125	114,585.00	130,192.54
	Beaver	553	12,940.00	7,123.48	Mink	141	3,375.00	2,037.96
	Fisher	1	30.00	0.00	Muskrat	1046	3,887.25	3,673.01
	Fox, Cross	20	500.00	455.98	Otter	4	140.00	431.32
	Fox, Red	29	714.00	442.38	Squirrel	80	96.00	109.92
	Fox, Silver	2	40.00	0.00	Weasel	4	16.00	12.95
	Fox, White (Arctic)	1	25.00	38.00	Wolf, Boreal	16	2,375.00	2,088.30
	Lynx	39	1,762.00	1,584.13	Wolf, Arctic	13	2,600.00	3,684.40
	Marten	1088	59,404.00	38,061.74	Wolf, Tundra	4	800.00	670.00
	Mink	314	7,700.00	3,830.83	Wolverine	39	4,210.00	8,778.50
	Muskrat	6474	15,997.50	8,678.39	2002	3826	141,664.25	162,763.49
	Other Lg	1	2.50	2.02	Beaver	245	5,705.00	3,589.74
	Otter	6	230.00	60.06	Fox, Cross	4	100.00	313.48
	Squirrel	10	9.00	9.33	Fox, Red	16	350.00	549.00
	Weasel	8	12.00	27.11	Fox, Silver	1	25.00	31.08
	Wolf, Boreal	13	2,310.00	2,257.91	Lynx	20	1,140.00	3,015.00
	Wolverine	15	1,475.00	1,781.75	Marten	587	31,350.00	23,901.62
1999		8574	103,151.00	64,353.11	Mink	45	1,125.00	540.66
	Bear, Black	2	100.00	124.49	Muskrat	2178	8,352.50	3,920.34
	Beaver	501	12,335.00	10,073.12	Otter	3	150.00	412.94
	Fisher	2	50.00	85.46	Squirrel	12	24.00	36.32
	Fox, Cross	51	1,250.00	1,347.36	Weasel	12	48.00	13.58
	Fox, Red	49	1,185.00	1,379.47	Wolf, Boreal	9	1,800.00	2,369.30
	Fox, Silver	2	50.00	27.93	Wolf, Tundra	6	1,200.00	1,075.80
	Fox, White (Arctic)	3	75.00	85.26	Wolverine	21	4,000.00	4,329.05
	Lynx	104	4,707.00	6,956.03	2003	3159	55,369.50	44,097.91
	Marten	2424	132,920.00	120,074.84				

<i>Species</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>Advance</i>	<i>SoldPrice</i>
Report Totals	33,960	790,799.75	736,612.39