

EA1415-02
Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project
Husky Oil Operations Limited

To: Environment Canada
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Via email: ec.ea.nwt@ec.gc.ca

February 19, 2015

RE: Notification pursuant to s. 79 of the *Species at Risk Act (SARA)*

Please be advised that the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is undertaking an environmental assessment the Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project, proposed by Husky Oil Operations Limited.

On February 13, 2015, the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board referred the Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project to environmental assessment pursuant to section 125 (1) (b) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. The Review Board has created a public registry for this file, where all information will be held. The public registry is available online at www.reviewboard.ca/registry - the file is EA1415-02, Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project, Husky Oil Operations Limited.

The Review Board has determined that the following species may potentially be impacted by this project:

- Boreal Caribou
- Little Brown Myotis
- Wolverine
- Wood Bison
- Bank Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Common Nighthawk
- Horned Grebe
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Rusty Blackbird
- Short-eared Owl
- Yellow Rail



Based on information from the preliminary screening this proposed development may adversely affect the species listed above which have been identified as being at risk under either *SARA* or by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada. The Review Board is providing this information to discharge its duties under s.79 of *SARA*, which requires that notification be made to the appropriate responsible minister when any project could have an impact on a species at risk.

During this environmental assessment, the Review Board asks that Environment Canada assist the Review Board in determining the likelihood of adverse effects of the proposed project on the above species and/or their critical habitats. Please also indicate if any other species merit special consideration during this environmental assessment.

Further information regarding this environmental assessment may be obtained at the Review Board's online public registry (www.reviewboard.ca/registry) or by contacting me at stoogood@reviewboard.ca or by telephone at (867) 766-7053.

Sincerely,

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