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Wildlife Act Section 95(1) Determination of the Requirement for a Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan for the Mackenzie Valley Highway Project

Thank you for your letter dated August 19, 2021, regarding the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) determination that a Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan (WMMP) will be required for the Mackenzie Valley Highway Project (Project) under Section 95 of the Wildlife Act.

I can confirm that the Department of Infrastructure (INF) is working with ENR staff to prepare a draft Tier 2 WMMP for submission to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board as a key component of the upcoming Developer's Assessment Report (DAR) for the Project. I can also confirm that the draft Tier 2 WMMP will be revised as necessary to capture commitments and measures arising throughout the Environmental Assessment process.

Interdepartmental collaboration is critical for the success of this Project, and I appreciate ENR's continued support and contributions through the Project's Technical Working Group. INF's Manager, Mackenzie Valley Highway Environmental Affairs, Ms. Patricia Coyne, will continue to work with Dr. James Hodson to advance the development of both the WMMP and the DAR, in anticipation of submission to MVEIRB in the summer 2022.

Sincerely,

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