



Northwest  
Territories Environment and Natural Resources

File#: NS2009GWP001

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May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Dear Mr. Christensen

**True North Safaris - General Wildlife Permit Application Review**

This letter is to notify you that Environment & Natural Resources has completed the Preliminary Screening process. The completed preliminary screening form and consultation letters are attached for your review in order to meet the requirements of 126(3) of the MVRMA, before informing the proponent of the decision.

The letter dated April 17<sup>th</sup> from the WRRB has listed concerns with the proposed activity therefore a meeting was held between our North Slave Regional office and the WRRB on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. The outcome was an agreement for ENR to provide a letter to the WRRB with mitigative measures to alleviate their concerns to implement into the terms and conditions of the general wildlife permit.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, contact me at (867) 873-7019 or email me at [fred\\_j\\_mandeville@gov.nt.ca](mailto:fred_j_mandeville@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred Mandeville', written in a cursive style.

Fred Mandeville  
Manager, Environment & Wildlife

CC:

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## Preliminary Screening Report Form

Preliminary screener: Environment & Natural Resources  Reference / File number: NS2009GW001 TITLE: Permit to Bait Big Game ORGANIZATION: True North Safaris Ltd.- Gary Jaeb	EIRB Reference number:
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Type of Development:  
(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- New  
 Amend, EIRB Ref. #  
 Requires permit, licence, or authorization  
 Does not require permit, licence, or authorization

## Project Summary

- True North Safaris Ltd, a licensed big game outfitter and established tourism operator.
- This permit will allow baiting black bears.
- Unit "R" – Mosquito creek to Birch Creek, Great Slave Lake to 10km west of the Mackenzie Hwy.
- The base camp is located at Km 170.4 on Mackenzie Hwy.
- Timeframe: beginning of May to the end of June.

## Scope

Wildlife Act – Wildlife Licenses and Permits Regulations – Section 17. (1)

Type of Disposition                      Disposition Number(s)

- Mineral Claims  
 Prospecting Permit (s)  
 Mineral Leases  
 Oil and Gas: EL/SDL/PL  
 Quarry Permit  
 Timber Permit  
 Other:

Principal Activities (related to scoping)  
(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction      | <input type="checkbox"/> Exploration       | <input type="checkbox"/> Decommissioning       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Installation      | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial        | <input type="checkbox"/> Abandonment           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance       | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation        | <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion         | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harvesting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Operation         | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarry            | <input type="checkbox"/> Camp                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repair            | <input type="checkbox"/> Linear / Corridor | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific/           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewage            | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Intake      |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: |  |  |

Principal Development Components (related to scoping)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Access Road                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Management            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> construction                               | <input type="checkbox"/> disposal of hazardous waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> abandonment/removal                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> waste generation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> modification e.g., widening, straightening | <input type="checkbox"/> sewage                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile, Aircraft or Vessel Movement    | <input type="checkbox"/> disposal of sewage          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blasting                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Geoscientific Sampling      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Trenching                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burning                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond drill               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burying                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Borehole core sampling      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Channelling                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulk soil sampling          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cut and Fill                               | <input type="checkbox"/> gravel                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting of Trees or Removal of Vegetation  | <input type="checkbox"/> hydrological Testing        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dams and Impoundments                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Restoration            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> construction                               | <input type="checkbox"/> fertilization               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> abandonment/removal                        | <input type="checkbox"/> grubbing                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> modification                               | <input type="checkbox"/> planting/seeding            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ditch Construction                         | <input type="checkbox"/> reforestation               |

- Drainage Alteration
- Drilling other than Geoscientific
- Ecological Surveys
- Excavation
- Explosive Storage
- Fuel Storage
- Topsoil, Overburden or Soil
  - fill
  - disposal
  - removal
  - storage

- scarify
- spraying
- re-contouring
- Slashing and removal of vegetation
- Soil Testing
- Stream Crossing/Bridging
- Tunnelling/Underground
- Other:

NTS topographic map sheet numbers:  
(List all that apply.)

Latitude / longitude and UTM system: 62° 15' 32"N 116° 22' 35"W – Mapsheet 85K

Nearest community and water body: Behchoko/Great Slave Lake

**Land Status (consultation information)**

- Free Hold/Private
- Commissioners Land
- Federal Crown Land
- Municipal Land

**Transboundary/Transregional Implications**

- British Columbia
- Alberta
- Saskatchewan
- Yukon
- Nunavut
- Wood Buffalo National Park
- Inuvialuit Settlement Region
- Wek'èezhii
- Gwich'in
- Sahtu

Type of transboundary implication:  Impact / Effect  Development

Public concern: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Describe.)

**Physical - Chemical Effects**

<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>	<b>Location of condition</b>
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1) Ground Water

- water table alteration
- water quality changes
- infiltration changes
- other:
- N/A

<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>	<b>Location of condition</b>
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2) Surface Water

- flow or level changes
- water quality changes
- water quantity changes
- drainage pattern changes
- temperature
- wetland changes/loss
- other:
- N/A

<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>	<b>Location of condition</b>
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3) Noise

- noise in/near water
- noise increase

other:

√ N/A

**Impact**  
4) Land

**Mitigation**

**Location of condition**

- geologic structure changes
- soil contamination
- buffer zone loss
- soil compaction and settling
- destabilization/erosion
- permafrost regime alteration
- explosives/scarring
- other:

√ N/A

**Impact**  
5) Non-renewable natural resources

**Mitigation**

**Location of condition**

- resource depletion
- other:

√ N/A

**Impact**  
6) Air/climate/atmosphere

**Mitigation**

**Location of condition**

- other:

√ N/A

**BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT**

**Impact**  
1) Vegetation

**Mitigation**

**Location of condition**

- species composition
- species introduction
- toxin/heavy accumulation
- other:

√ N/A

**Impact**  
2) Wildlife and Fish

**Mitigation**

**Location of condition**

- effects on rare, threatened or endangered species
- fish population changes
- waterfowl population changes
- breeding disturbance
- population reduction
- species diversity change

- health changes
- behavioural changes
- habitat changes / effects
- game species effects
- toxins/ heavy metals
- forestry changes
- agricultural changes
- other:

√ N/A

**Interacting Environment**

**Impact**

**1) Habitat and Communities**

**Mitigation**

**Location of condition**

- predator-prey
- wildlife habitat/ecosystem composition changes
- reduction/removal of keystone or endangered species
- removal of wildlife corridor or buffer zone
- other:

√ N/A

**Impact**

**2) Social and Economic**

**Mitigation**

**Location of condition**

- planning/zoning changes or conflicts
- increase in urban facilities or services use
- rental house
- airport operations/capacity changes
- human health hazard
- impair the recreational use of water or aesthetic quality
- affect water use for other purposes

√ affect other land use operations

DOT expressed concerns over the location of the bait station in relation to their gravel pits. DOT requests a 2km buffer around active gravel pits to ensure worker safety.

quality of life changes

√ public concern

- \* Ethics of bear baiting
  - o Issues beyond scope of Preliminary Screening
- \* Proximity of baits to human activity
  - o Bait stations will be kept a minimum of 500m from areas likely to have human activity and these bait station locations will also be pre-approved by ENR.
  - o Appropriate signage warning the public of the presence of a bait station to be posted near each location.
- \* Use of artificial foods source for baits may encourage bears to seek out similar foods at camps, cabins, communities, etc.

- o No documented evidence to support the concerns that bears may be habituated to humans through the use of artificial food sources as bait.

other:

N/A

**Impact**  
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**Mitigation**

**Location of  
condition**

3) **Cultural and Heritage**

effects to historic property

increased economic pressure on historic properties

change to or loss of historic resources

change to or loss of archaeological resources

increased pressure on archaeological sites

change to or loss of aesthetically important sites

effects to aboriginal lifestyle

✓ other:

Culturally sensitive species to some Tlicho people.

N/A

**Notes:**

## Preliminary Screener / Referring Body Information

**First Nations/Aboriginal and Co-Management Organizations**

ED – Rob Marshall      Wek'ëezhii Renewable Resources Board      867.873.5743  
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Reasons For Decision

(List all reasons and supporting rationales for preliminary screening decision)

DECISION

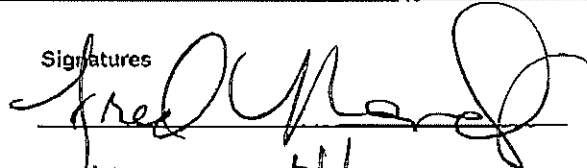
Preliminary Screening Decision	
✓	<b>Outside Local Government Boundaries</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	The development proposal might have a significant adverse impact on the environment, <i>refer it to the EIRB.</i>
✓	<i>Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	The development proposal might have public concern, <i>refer it to the EIRB.</i>
✓	<i>Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Wholly Within Local Government Boundaries</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	The development proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on air, water or renewable resources, <i>refer it to the EIRB.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	The development proposal might have public concern, <i>refer it to the EIRB.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.</i>

Preliminary Screening Organization

Environment & Natural Resources

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Signatures



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