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Reg. # 2147

Chelsea Boaler
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Dear Ms. Boaler:

Re: Parker's River Arctic Char – Atlantic Salmon Habitat Restoration

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental environmental assessment screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Please be advised that this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of the project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the project, within one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates, if requested. Please email project updates to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

Federal and provincial government departments and agencies that reviewed your project during the environmental assessment provide the following advice:



The Government Service Centre of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises that a development permit will be required under the Protected Road Zoning Regulations for any construction within 400 metres of the centre line of the Trans Canada Highway or other protected road. For further information, please contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 292-4206.

The Occupational Health and Safety Division of Digital Government and Service NL advises that you must generally ensure that activities associated with the project are conducted in compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and its Regulations. This includes the responsibility for ensuring that contractors hired to perform work also comply with this legislation. For further information, please contact the Occupational Health and Safety Division at (709) 729-6690 or email martind@gov.nl.ca.

The Climate Change Branch of my Department suggests that you consider provincial climate change projections for St. Anthony (nearest regional site) in the planning for this undertaking. For further information, please contact the Climate Change Branch at (709) 729-1485.

The Pollution Prevention Division of my Department advises that all waters discharged from the proposed site during construction and operation are subject to compliance with the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations under the **Water Resources Act**. The Pollution Prevention Division also advises of the requirements for the disposal of treated wood (Guidance Document GD-PPD-PPD-075.1) and for the disposal of dredged materials (Guidance Document GD-PPD-045.2). For further information please contact Robert Locke, Director, at (709) 729-5782, prior to disposal.

The Water Resources Management Division of my Department advises that you must obtain permits for any work in a body of water including wetland; for any work in shore water zones; and, for any infilling work within fifteen metres of a body of water, prior to project commencement For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-1646.

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture advises that an application is required to obtain a Crown Land Licence to Occupy. The application and related information can be found at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ffa/lands/applications/>. For further information, please contact the Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture at (709) 729-1140.



The Mines Branch of the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology advises that approval is required to deposit dredge spoils in quarries. For further information, please contact the Mines Branch at (709) 729-5748 or email stephenhinchey@gov.nl.ca. For further information about quarry permits please contact the Quarry Rights Section at quarries@gov.nl.ca.

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure advises that approval may be required. For further information please contact Carole Gillingham, Manager of Engineering, Highway Design and Construction at (709) 729-5493 or CaroleGillingham@gov.nl.ca, prior to construction.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans advises that the modernized *Fisheries Act* includes fish and fish habitat protection provisions which came into effect on August 28, 2019. If you are conducting work in or near water you should refer to the Projects Near Water website to get information about how to comply with the *Fisheries Act* and as well as information on the project review process. The "Projects Near Water" website is located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at 709 - 772-4140.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) recommends that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15th and August 15th in this region. ECCC requests that you provide a GIS file of the project boundaries and study area so that the project can be mapped for consideration of cumulative effects. For further information, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service at (709) 772-4221.

Transport Canada advises that a portion of the project site is considered to be in a scheduled waterway, Parker's Brook, under the Canadian Navigable Waters Act (CNWA) and the activities in this area require a CNWA approval. Other project activities may require an approval under the Canadian Navigable Waters Act. For further information contact Transport Canada at (709) 772-3088 or Melissa.Ginn@tc.gc.ca.

Although the undertaking as proposed is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. You must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.



Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, the Minister's decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If you have not commenced your project within this three-year period, you may apply to extend the three-year period for a maximum of three one-year periods, if needed. For further information, please email EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of the name "Hon. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA".

HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA
District of Virginia Waters - Pleasantville
Minister

Enclosures

Cc: Hon. Krista Lynn Howell, MHA, District of St. Barbe – L'Anse aux Meadows