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Dear Sirs and Ma'am,

**Re: Recommendation Wording for Western Geco EA- Consult to Modify**

Please be advised that, pursuant to MVRMA s.131(1)b) and 130(1)(b)(ii), and in consideration of the concerns voiced in the June 24<sup>th</sup> letter by DFO (attached), the Review Board has decided to change the wording of revised Measure 1 to read as follows:

**"DFO must invite the Gwich'in and Sahtu Renewable Resource Boards, and the Deh Cho First Nations and Metis to participate in the discussion of the revised plan".**

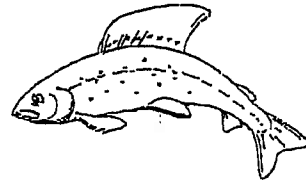
Sincerely,

  
Vern Christensen  
Executive Director.



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June 24, 2004

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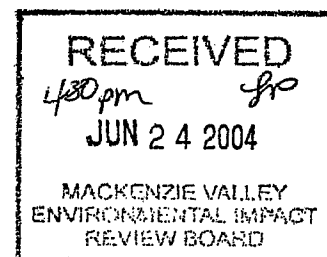
MESSAGE

**RE: Environmental Assessment for WesternGeco Ltd. - Mackenzie and Liard River Seismic  
Program - MVRMA S.130 and 131 Consultation Results**

FROM/DE:

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Western Arctic Area

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June 24, 2004

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X1A 2N7Attention: Vern Christensen**RE: Environmental Assessment for WesternGeco Ltd. – Mackenzie and Liard River Seismic Program –  
MYRMA S.130 and 131 Consultation Results**

Dear Mr. Christensen:

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Fish Habitat Management – Western Arctic Area (DFO) would like to see the wording for Measure 1 revert to what was agreed to previously at the May 14, 2004 meeting between MVEIRB, DFO, INAC, and the NEB.

**“DFO will invite the Gwich’in and Sahtu Renewable Resource Boards, and the Deh Cho First Nations and Metis to participate in the discussion of the revised plan.”**

This specifically referred to a meeting between WesternGeco and DFO regarding potential shutdowns related to sensitive areas identified in DFO's technical report of June 9, 2003 and submission of June 13, 2003. Shutdowns are only one component of a monitoring and mitigation plan and consultation on the overall plan is the responsibility of WesternGeco, not DFO.

By changing the wording to **“DFO will make all reasonable effort to consult the Gwich’in and Sahtu Renewable Resource Boards, and the Deh Cho First Nations in the development of the revised”** plan it broadens the issue to the point where it is not clear that this strictly applies to the specific context that was intended.

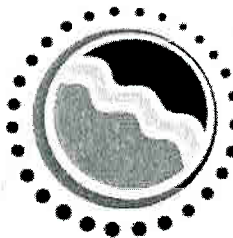
As stated, all groups mentioned will be invited and encouraged to attend a meeting between DFO and WesternGeco for a site by site assessment of potential shutdown areas identified by DFO through consultation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (867) 669-4931.

Bruce Hanna  
Habitat Biologist  
Fish Habitat Management  
Department of Fisheries and Oceans- Western Arctic Area

Cc: Julie Dahl, Area Chief, Habitat - DFO

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