



# Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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**Subject:** Conformity, Information Requests, Standing of Parties, Role of NEB

1. **The Review Board has decided that WesternGeco's response to the Board's deficiency statement is sufficient to declare the Developer's Assessment Report in conformity with the Terms of Reference. This means that the Board has recognized that WesternGeco provided a response to every item in the Terms of Reference.**

**The WesternGeco EA may now proceed to the technical analysis stage of the EA process. In this stage, WesternGeco's submission is reviewed by parties to enable the Review Board to determine whether the developer has proven that the development is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, or significant public concern.**

**Parties have until April 11<sup>th</sup> to propose any information requests to the Review Board. The attached note will help clarify the information request process. Please follow the sample format. Parties are encouraged to submit information requests as soon as possible, because an early round of IRs may be issued before April 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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2. The Review Board has granted Directly Affected Party status to the following groups, as per their requests for standing:

- DehCho First Nations
- Sahtu Renewable Resources Board
- Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
- Environment Canada
- GNWT- Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
- Environment Canada

3. The Review Board has granted Intervenor status to the following groups, as per their requests for standing:

- World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society

4. Note that for this EA, the National Energy Board is the designated regulatory authority that will consider the recommendations of the Review Board, as per MVRMA s.131. The NEB will assume many of the responsibilities usually belonging to the federal Minister in other EAs.

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## **Information Request Guidance Note**

The WesternGeco environmental assessment (EA) is now past the conformity review stage, and has commenced the technical analysis stage. To ensure that parties to the EA have access to the information necessary for the review of the developer's assessment report, the Review Board has a formal information request (IR) process.

An IR is a written request for information from a party in an EA to any other party in the EA, issued through the Review Board. The party that receives the IR is required to provide the Review Board with a written response that satisfactorily addresses the questions or issues raised by the IR.

Although IRs may originate from parties besides the Review Board, the Review Board issues all IRs. The Review Board may issue its own IRs, as well as those originating externally.

If the Review Board receives more than one IR asking for the same information, it can amalgamate them into one IR to prevent redundancy. The Review Board has the right to rule on the relevance and acceptability of IRs, and will decide whether to issue each IR. It will assign each IR an official number, and will issue them to the appropriate party.

For each IR, please submit your request in the following format:

### **Reference**

Identify the source document, and where specifically in the document (e.g. section number, page number, table number, appendix number, etc...) your request originates. If there is more than one source, list them individually.

### **Terms of Reference Section:**

List the section of the ToR, and if possible, the specific item within that section (e.g. *ToR s. 4.2, Aquatic Resources, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet.*).

### **Preamble:**

Describe why you are making the request. Is the source document unclear? Are there inconsistencies or errors in the document? What will you do with the response? Why, specifically, do you need to know this information? Please be thorough and clear with your reasons.

### **Request:**

What information do you want? What exactly is the recipient being directed to do or provide? For example:

- a) *Provide document X.*
- b) *Explain why you did (whatever), as opposed to ....*
- c) *What is your rationale for the number you stated in ....?*