



Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Attention: Alan Erlich, A/Manager of EIA

RE: Comments on Draft Terms of Reference for the WesternGeco Mackenzie River 2D Seismic Program

Dear Alan,

Many thanks for copying me on the comments you have received on your Draft Terms of Reference and Workplan for WesternGeco's proposed 2003 Mackenzie River Seismic Project. We look forward to receiving the final terms of reference.

To aid with networking and information flow at this time, we are providing below brief observations on a couple of the recent faxes you have distributed.

1. **DFO letters of January 7th and 9th 2003.** Just to clarify that as planned, we did revise the Draft Fish Report from our 2003 Test Program, based on comments received during the two technical workshops held in December 2003. That revision included comments from Eric Gyselman who attended one workshop by conference call. As noted previously, the final revised Fish Study Report will be included in full as an appendix to the Mackenzie Valley Project EA. The final Fish Study Report has been in the public domain since January 7th 2003, when it was included as an appendix to the EIS submitted to the Inuvialuit EIRB for the proposed 2003 Delta Marine Seismic Project.
2. **Deh Cho First Nations letter of January 15th 2003.** We are concerned and surprised by the number of issues raised here and will be working with Deh Cho First Nations to resolve them. Just to note that meetings did occur with Deh Cho Chiefs and support staff, in addition to further public meetings in appropriate Deh Cho communities, during May and June 2002. Discussions covered topics related to the environment and to economic benefits. Those meetings occurred after the Mackenzie Valley Preliminary Screening Level EA was submitted; minutes will be provided to help document consultation as part of the 2003 EA document. We shall send copies of those minutes to Deh Cho First Nations to facilitate ongoing consultation. We shall also discuss with them where the Deh Cho First Nations invitation to attend the technical workshops was sent.

Yours Sincerely,

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Keith Rosindell
Canada Marine

cc. Deh Cho First Nations
DFO, Inuvik

Note to File

Jan. 22th, 2003

Re: **WesternGeco Environmental Assessment (EAO2-002)**
Telephone Conversation w. Keith Rosindell (WesternGeco)

Keith Rosindell called, and said that he has contacted Laura Pitkanen. He described to her that past correspondence led WG to believe that Deh Cho communities didn't have the capacity to participate meaningfully in workshops, and would rely on the MVLWB screening. (Note: the MVLWB is not a preliminary screener for this project). Since that time, the re-organization of Deh Cho communities has increased their capacity. WesternGeco has agreed to set up meeting w. leaders of all Deh Cho communities, to discuss the project and process. Keith requested that Laura organize it. Minutes will be taken for communities and Board. Will continue w. community consultation. O.D. Hansen has contacted individual communities in Deh Cho, mentioned that leadership meeting, and has also asked if they want WesternGeco to visit their individual communities.

Keith Rosindell asked me if the MVEIRB would like to organize community workshops. I responded that the Board would only do so if they were in the form of hearings. Keith clarified that this is not what he was suggesting.

I suggested that Keith send in his comments in writing for the Public Registry.

-Alan Ehrlich
A/ Manager of EIA