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Re: Verification of Drill Locations for NSV (EA-03-004)

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A letter for the public registry.

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SC03002

October 7, 2003

Glen Macdonald
New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd.
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RE: Information Request - New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd. EA-03-004/SC03002.

Dear Mr. Macdonald:

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans – Fish Habitat Management (DFO) has reviewed information submitted by New Shoshoni Ventures in its land use permit application, the Developer's Assessment Report that was submitted to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board and recent correspondence from Mr. L. Stephenson.

DFO notes that there appear to be differences in the project description relating to the locations of drill sites areas in the land use permit application and in the DAR

The following is a section of previous DFO correspondence on the matter:

- **Drill sites and areas.** Map 2 in the DAR depicts three drill site areas and these are listed on page 7. These sites are different than that presented in the original land use permit application where approximately 10 drill site areas were distributed throughout Drybones Bay. In the DAR, no areas are shown on-ice in Great Slave Lake, but the last paragraph of page 6 of the DAR states that "Most of the drill site areas are located in Great Slave Lake and along the shoreline area of Drybones Bay. The other potential drill site areas are located on land in a low-lying area and to the north of Drybones Bay."

Can you please clarify, by delineating on a map (1:50,000 or better) the location of each drill site area and how many drill holes are anticipated for each area? Please explain if this differs from the land use permit application.

The DAR mentions on page 21 that the shoals of Drybones Bay may be used by lake trout for spawning and rearing to a maximum depth of 10 metres, but drill sites areas are located in water depths exceeding 15 metres.

Would you please provide a map illustrating the location of the drill sites areas in proximity to the shoals within Drybones Bay? Data that substantiates that drill sites are located in water deeper than 15 metres must also be provided (e.g. navigational charts, bathymetric data, etc.).

DFO requires this information in order to conclude its review of the Environmental Assessment. If you have any questions or require clarification, please call me at (867) 669-4912 or Dave Balint at (867) 669-4926.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

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Fish Habitat Management-Western Arctic Area
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cc: Julie Dahl, Area Chief, Fish Habitat Management

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