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Dear Ms. Cliffe-Phillips;

Deh Cho Bridge Pre-hearing Conference Follow-up – Species at Risk

In their September 10th Technical Report, Environment Canada recommended that the DCBC should *examine the potential effects of the project on species listed as “sensitive” or “may be at risk”*.

In our October 4th response to Environment Canada, DCBC requested more information on the scope and detail of the examination they would expect. Following discussion at the Pre-Hearing Conference and a subsequent meeting with Mike Fournier of Environment Canada, the DCBC is proposing the following actions:

1. The DCBC will retain an environmental consultant to identify all species listed as “sensitive” or “may be at risk” as listed under the *NWT Species 2000 - General Status Ranks Of Wild Species In The Northwest Territories*. The consultant will be directed to consult with the GNWT - RWED and identify all species whose range may be expected to include areas affected by the project. The Consultant would identify appropriate mitigation measures to avoid disturbance of any listed species.
2. Where any listed species are expected in areas affected by the project, particularly pit and quarries, these areas will be surveyed to confirm whether these species are present, prior to construction. Environment Canada and GNWT – RWED will be advised of the results of these surveys.
3. DCBC will employ mitigation measures to avoid disturbance of any listed species.
4. All contractors and sub-contractors will be instructed regarding mitigation measures, including approvals required for the disturbance of any nests (all species).

We trust that this will address the Environment Canada recommendation on this issue.

Yours truly,

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