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RE: Arctic Shorebird Monitoring Program – WRP Application

Dear Executive Director,

Attached for your review is an application for a Wildlife Research Permit to conduct research and monitoring activities for Arctic-nesting shorebirds in the North Slave region during the summer of 2021.

The Arctic Shorebird Monitoring Program was initiated in response to widespread shorebird population declines noted on migration routes through southern Canada and the US. Accurately estimated shorebird numbers during migration is difficult. More accurate estimates can be obtained from the northern breeding grounds. The objective of the program is to produce population estimates for arctic-breeding shorebirds, monitor trends over time, and collect ecological information on factors that may be influencing reproductive success.

This work will be based out of the Daring Lake Tundra Research Station operated by the GNWT, and will take place during June and July. All shorebird species will be included in the study but we expect the primary species present at the site to be Semipalmated Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Semipalmated Plover, and Red-necked Phalarope. Activities will include nest monitoring, capturing and banding birds, deploying radio tags to track migration, and conducting ecological surveys (such as measuring food resource availability and predator abundance).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the project.

Thanks,

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