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Via Email

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## Re: Wildlife Research Permit (WRP) Application – Arctic Shorebird Monitoring Program

Dear Mr. Woodard,

The Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has reviewed your Wildlife Research Permit application and understands that the objectives of the arctic shorebird monitoring program are to 1) generate population estimates for all arctic breeding shorebirds, 2) produce maps showing shorebird distribution and abundance across the North American arctic, 3) identify highest-quality habitats for each shorebird species, 4) provide shorebird densities and breeding ecology information at each survey site, and 5) assist local managers in meeting their conservation goals. The Board understands that all shorebird species present will be monitored. The Board understands this program was initiated in response to widespread shorebird population declines, and that the information obtained through the program will help inform species conservation.

The proposed research, scheduled for May 25, 2022 to July 30, 2022 at the Daring Lake Tundra Research Station, involves the following:

- Nest monitoring;
- Capturing a subset of birds using nest traps and banding those birds;
- Deploying radio tags on birds which will fall off during winter; and,
- Conducting ecological surveys (observational).

The WRRB has no concerns with the project as presented in your application. The WRRB requests that results be provided to the Board upon completion of work. The Board asks that our office be contacted if there is any opportunity for Board or staff involvement in your work.

Please feel free to give us a call with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Jody Pellissey Executive Director Cc Bruno Croft, Superintendent North Slave Region, Environment & Natural Resources, GNWT

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