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*Via Email*  
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**Re: Wildlife Research Permit (WRP) Application – Boreal Shorebird Monitoring Program**

Dear Mr. Woodard,

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has reviewed your Wildlife Research Permit application and understands that the objectives of the shorebird monitoring program are to 1) determine if breeding populations are genetically distinct, 2) describe migratory movements, 3) estimate demographic rates, and 4) assist local managers in meeting their conservation goals. The Board understands the species being monitored, the Lesser Yellowlegs, has been identified as a high priority candidate for species for assessment by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), and this work will help better understand the species and the most effective conservation strategies.

The proposed research, scheduled for June 1, 2021 to August 30, 2021 along highway 3 between Behchokò and Yellowknife, involves the following:

- Revisiting sites where lesser yellowlegs were banded previously in an attempt to locate birds that have returned;
- Recording all individual band combinations and flag codes on lesser yellowlegs that have returned; and,
- Capturing any lesser yellowlegs with GPS pinpoint tags in order to remove the device.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jody Pellissey" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jody Pellissey  
Executive Director

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