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Via Email
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Re: Wildlife Research Permit (WRP) Application – Herring Gull Egg Monitoring in Dìnàgà Wek'èhodi

Dear Mr. Reed,

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has reviewed your Wildlife Research Permit application and understands that the objectives of the project are to collect Herring Gull eggs from islands in Dìnàgà Wek'èhodi and to analyze them for a variety of chemical contaminants, comparing those results to eggs collected previously in the area and in other locations in Canada. The WRRB understands that this research provides baseline information on the long range and local transport of chemical contaminants and their bioaccumulation in aquatic ecosystems.

The proposed research, scheduled for June 1-30, 2021 in Dìnàgà Wek'èhodi between Frank Channel and Rae Point, involves the following:

- Collect up to 15 freshly laid Herring Gull eggs from 15 different nests;
- Eggs will be transported to Ottawa where they will be destructively sampled to measure chemicals, such as mercury and organic contaminants; and,
- Sub-samples of each egg will be frozen for archiving in the National Wildlife Specimen Bank in Ottawa.

The WRRB has reviewed your application and has no concerns with the project as presented.

The Board requests a summary report of the project upon completion.

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 long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

Jody Pellissey
Executive Director

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