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

Dear Mr. Chételat,

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 Dinàgà 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, 2023 in Dinàgà 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,
- Interpret results relative to levels in eggs collected in previous years and other locations in Canada.

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,



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Executive Director

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