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Via Email
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Re: Cooperative Waterfowl Population Surveys in the Northwest Territories

Dear Ms. Wood,

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has reviewed your above-entitled Wildlife Research Permit application and understands that the objectives are to determine the size and species composition of the breeding populations of ducks and other waterfowl in the Mackenzie River drainage and in southeastern NWT. Further, the Board understands that the permit is requested for a five-year period (2023 – 2027) due to the long-standing nature of the surveys.

The proposed research, scheduled for 10 May to 5 July 2023 and subsequent years, involves the following:

- Conduct a single pass aerial survey along 23 straight transects in a single engine aircraft at a height of 150 feet; and,
- Record number and species of waterfowl observed within 200m on each side of the aircraft.

The WRRB has no concerns with the ongoing project as presented in your application. We appreciate the inclusion of the 2022 field season summary and look forward to results from the upcoming field season. 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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