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16-HPAC-00276

Catherine Deol
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
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Dear Ms. Deol:

Subject: Serious harm to fish can be avoided or mitigated

The Fisheries Protection Program (the Program) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada received your proposal on March 24, 2016.

Based on the information provided, your proposal has been identified as a project where a *Fisheries Act* authorization is not required given that serious harm to fish can be avoided by following standard measures. Proposals in this category are not considered to need an authorization from the Program under the *Fisheries Act* in order to proceed. In order to comply with the Act, it is recommended that you follow our guidance tools which can be found at the following website (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/measures-mesures/index-eng.html>). It remains your responsibility to meet the other requirements of federal, provincial and municipal agencies.

Should your plans change or if you have omitted some information in your proposal such that your proposal meets the criteria for a site specific review, as described on our website (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>), you should complete and submit the request for review form that is also available on the website.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the compliance of your proposal with the *Fisheries Act* and those prohibitions of the *Species at Risk Act* that apply to listed aquatic species*, you may wish to engage an environmental professional familiar with measures to avoid impacts to fish and fish habitat (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/env-pro-eng.html>).

Yours sincerely,

Michael Engelsjord, Team Leader
Ecosystem Management Branch

Cc: Natalie Newman, Amec Foster Wheeler

*Those sections most relevant to the review of development proposals include 20 and 35 of the *Fisheries Act* and sections 32, 33 and 58 of the *Species at Risk Act*. For more information please visit www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca.