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Via Email
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Re: Wildlife Research Permit (WRP) Application – Migratory Connectivity and Contaminants in Grebes

Dear Mr. Reed,

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has reviewed your Wildlife Research Permit application under Section 12.5.1 of the Tłıchǵ Agreement, and understands that the objectives of the project are to 1) measure local nutrient contribution as well as contaminant levels in Horned and Red-necked Grebe eggs, and 2) determine contaminant exposure on the non-breeding, staging, and breeding grounds for Horned Grebes. The WRRB understands that better insight into the migratory connectivity and contaminants in grebes is important as they are not currently well-studied or monitored.

The proposed research, scheduled for June 1 to July 31, 2025 along Highway 3 outside of Yellowknife, involves the following:

- Collecting up to 10 Horned Grebe and 10 Red-necked Grebe eggs;
- Only one egg per nest will be collected, and only when there are two or more eggs in a nest.

The Board understands that this work also requires a CWS Scientific Permit, NWT Animal Care Permit, and ECCC AUP Exemption Certificate.

The WRRB has reviewed your application and has no concerns with the project as presented, pending approval of your remaining permits (Motion #981-27-05-2025).

The Board requests a summary report of the project upon completion. 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Jody Pellissey
Executive Director

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