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Our file *Notre référence*
13-HPAC-PA3-00238

Don Storry
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Real Properties Safety and Security
200-401 Burrard St
Vancouver BC

Dear Mr. Storry:

Subject: Implementation of mitigation measures to avoid and mitigate serious harm to fish.

The Fisheries Protection Program (the Program) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada received your proposal on June 06 2013.

Your proposal has been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to result in serious harm to fish which is prohibited under subsection 35(1) of the *Fisheries Act*.

Our review consisted of:

- Project Notification and Review Application Form, and
- Canadian Coast Guard Foreshore Biophysical Survey. Prepared by G3 Consulting. Feb 2013.

We understand that you propose to upgrade the marine facility for Canadian Coast Guard Station at Port Hardy, BC. This work consist the installation of:

- abutment for a new trestle consisting of lock block walls and abutment;
- trestle (pipe pilings), grated to enable light infiltration;
- gangway without pilings, attached above the high, high, water mark (HHWM);
- concrete float (4m by 25m), foam filled and anchored with pilings (which would not be concrete); and
- two (2) floating trimaran breakwaters (48.8 m x 9.1 m and 24.4 m x 9.1 m).

To avoid the potential of serious harm to fish and their habitat, we are recommending that the following mitigation measures be included into your plans:

Mitigation & BMPs as described in Section 5.3 - Canadian Coast Guard Foreshore Biophysical Survey. Prepared by G3 Consulting. Feb 2013.

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Provided that these mitigation measures are incorporated into your plans, the Program is of the view that your proposal will not result in serious harm to fish. No formal approval is required from the Program under the *Fisheries Act* in order to proceed with your proposal.

If your plans have changed or if the description of your proposal is incomplete, or changes in the future, you should consult our website (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>) or consult with a qualified environmental consultant to determine if further review is required by the Program.

Please notify this office at least 10 days before starting your project. A copy of this letter should be kept on site while the work is in progress.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Chiang at our Vancouver office at 604-666-0017, or by email at <Eric.Chiang@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>. Please refer to the file number referenced above when corresponding with the Program.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Chiang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eric" and last name "Chiang" clearly distinguishable.

Eric Chiang
Fisheries Protection Biologist