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Ms. Shauna O' Brien  
Project Manager  
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, Atlantic Region  
10 Barters Hill  
St. John's, NL A1C 6M1

Dear Ms. O'Brien:

***Re: Conformity Review – Joyce Lake Direct Shipping Iron Ore Project***

I am writing further to your May 20, 2021 email and correspondence requesting review of the above noted Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for conformity with the applicable EIS guidelines.

Based on this review, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has determined that the EIS meets the applicable EIS Guidelines and therefore found to be in conformity. It is a well-written and comprehensive document that meets our expectations with respect to descriptions of the fish and fish habitat, as well as possible impacts on these components of the environment.

We will facilitate a more thorough scientific and technical review of the accuracy of information presented within the project EIS during the technical review of the EIS.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (709) 693-8291 or by email at [Tonya.Warren@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:Tonya.Warren@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

Tonya Warren  
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