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RE: Invitation to Comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment Report and Draft Potential Federal Conditions for the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project

To the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC),

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) have completed a review of IAAC's draft Environmental Assessment Report and potential federal environmental assessment conditions for the proposed Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project. We are providing comments for IAAC's consideration.

Our expert advice is based on ECCC's mandate in the context of subsection 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act* (FA), the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA), the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* 1994 (MBCA), the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act,* 1999 (CEPA), and their relevant regulations.

Please contact Orlagh O'Sullivan, Senior Environmental Assessment Officer at 431-276-4506 or Orlagh.OSullivan@ec.gc.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Attachment (1): Environment and Climate Change Canada Comments on the LMLSMOC Project – Public Comment Period on the draft Environmental Assessment Report and draft Potential Conditions under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*

cc.
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