

## **Comment Form – Draft Permitting Plan and Draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines– Federal Review Team**

**Upper Beaver Gold Project**

**Response requested by: March 7, 2022**

*All comments should be submitted via the Submit a Comment feature available on the Project's Canadian Impact Assessment Registry page (Reference #82960 at <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/82960>). Documents can be uploaded using this feature. If you have any difficulties submitting this way, please contact the registry directly at [iaac.registry-registre.aeic@canada.ca](mailto:iaac.registry-registre.aeic@canada.ca). All comments submitted using this table would be posted on the Project's Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site.*

*Please note that this will be your final opportunity to make changes to the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines.*

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### **Section 1:**

1. Confirm that all applicable legislative and regulatory oversight that may apply to the Project, under the authority of your department, is accurately listed in the Permitting Plan.

#### **Insert response here:**

All of DFO's preliminary comments have been incorporated and are accurately listed in the Permitting Plan.

2. Indicate whether your department has identified any power that it will be unable to exercise to allow the Project to proceed, in whole or in part. For more information, refer to subsection 17(1) of IAA.

#### **Insert response here:**

Not at this time.

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**Section 2:**

1. Please review the draft Tailored Impact Statement Guideline (TISG) sections that are applicable to your department's mandate.
2. Using the table below, please describe any issues and include your recommendation for how the final Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines should be adapted to address each issue. Please indicate any recommended **additions or deletions** to the text.

Insert as many rows as applicable

Department – Comment ID	Draft TISG Section	Context and Rationale (provide an explanation of your comments)	Recommendation: provide text to be inserted or deleted. Be specific on the location within the draft TISG that the text would be added/deleted.
DFO-21	Section 8.7.2: Fish and Fish Habitat, Effects to fish and fish habitat	Copied from the baseline data collection section to keep wording consistent. Removed other bullet point. DFO believes this is redundant information. IAAC has confirmed with DFO that they are open to removing this bullet point.	<p>Added (in red):</p> <p>changes to relevant parameters and ecological processes that may affect fish and fish habitat, including: migratory patterns, food webs and trophic levels, structural and functional linkages (e.g. predator-prey interactions), life history and population dynamics, sensitive habitats and periods, behaviour or other relevant ecological processes that fish depend on to carry out their life history;</p> <p>Removed:</p> <p>Changes to the primary and secondary productivity, food sources, potential imbalances in the food web and trophic level;</p>
DFO-30	Appendix 1	Fish and Wildlife Internet Mapping Tool is for AB but this project is in Ontario. IAAC has confirmed that they will delete this.	<p>Delete text is highlight with a strike through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First, use existing information (e.g. the Fish and Wildlife Internet Mapping Tool, accessible regional reports, primary literature, fisheries management objectives, information from consultation and engagement activities, traditional knowledge of Indigenous peoples affected by the project, etc.). Existing information should be supplemented using field data collection as necessary to support the assessment, and as relevant to validate predictions and mitigation success in the future;</li> </ul>