

Federal Authority Advice Record Form

Spanish Mountain Gold Project – Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd.

Response due by May 6, 2022

Please submit the form to: SpanishMountain@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

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1. Is it probable that your department or agency may be required to exercise a power or perform a duty or function related to the Project to enable it to proceed?

If yes, specify the Act of Parliament and that power, duty or function.

Yes.

Death of fish and/or harmful alteration, disruption, or destruction (HADD) of fish habitat may be able to be avoided and mitigated through project design and planning. However, authorization under Section 34.4(2)(b) and 35(2)(b) of the *Fisheries Act* may be required for works, undertakings or activities that would result in death of fish or harmful alteration, disruption, or destruction (HADD) of fish habitat following avoidance and mitigation. For example, potential infilling or realignment of existing streams or lakes, or potential alteration of stream flows that affect downstream fish or fish habitat may require authorization.

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2. Is your department or agency in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge that may be relevant to the conduct of an impact assessment of the Project?

Specify as appropriate.

DFO can provide specialist or expert information or knowledge on fish and fish habitat and aquatic species at risk.

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3. Has your department or agency considered the Project; exercised a power or performed a duty or function under any Act of Parliament in relation to the Project; or taken any course of action that would allow the Project to proceed in whole or in part?

Specify as appropriate.

No.

4. Has your department or agency had previous contact or involvement with the proponent or other party in relation to the Project? (for example, enquiry about methodology, guidance, or data; introduction to the project)

Provide an overview of the information or advice exchanged.

DFO has had no recent contact or communication with the proponent regarding this project. DFO was involved in review of a previous environmental assessment initiated by Spanish Mountain Gold Ltd. in 2011, which was cancelled prior to completion.

5. Does your department or agency have additional information or knowledge not specified, above?

Specify as appropriate.

No.

6. From the perspective of the mandate and area(s) of expertise of your department or agency, what are the issues that should be addressed in the impact assessment of the Project, should the Agency determine that an impact assessment is required?

For each issue discussed, provide a concise, plain-language summary that is appropriate for inclusion in the Summary of Issues and Engagement.

The project has the potential to cause the following effects to Fish and Fish Habitat:

- Death of fish from construction of the project.
- Potential loss of productivity through harmful alteration, disruption and destruction of fish habitat from project construction and operation.

These effects may be managed through issuance of a *Fisheries Act* authorization or letter of advice. If an authorization is required and subsequently issued, conditions to avoid, mitigate, and offset effects to fish and fish habitat would be included.

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April 21, 2022
Date