

YUKON WATER Board
REASONS FOR DECISION
Water Use Application PM08-605, Peter Rellstab
and Mining Land Use Approval AP08605

The Yukon Water Board ("the Board") has made licensing decisions with respect to water use application PM08-605 for a type B licence for a placer mining undertaking and mining land use approval AP08605.

The purpose of the application is to obtain a water use licence to obtain and store water, deposit a waste and to obtain an approved placer mining land use operating plan. This application was previously approved in the Board meeting of May 6, 2009. In that licence the watershed listed was not the correct watershed. It was listed as being in the McQuesten River Watershed and the application is in the Mayo Basin Watershed under the Yukon Placers Authorization, and not the new Fisheries Habitat Classification Regime.


Fisheries and Oceans Canada ("DFO");
Confirmed by e-mail that this application was in the Mayo Watershed and had a discharge level of 5.0 ml/L, however they also noted that the new Regime would be initiated for this area in 2009 and all Licensee's would have to come into compliance and amend their Licence for a 2.5 ml/L discharge level by May of 2010.

The applicant has agreed that he would like a 2.5ml/L discharge level now in order to avoid an amendment in the future.

The Board rescinded the previous licence and mining land use approval as no steps had been taken under that licence and mining land use approval. The Board agreed, based on the applicant consenting, to hear the new application.

Conclusion

The Board has approved the issuance of Water Use Licence PM08-605 with a 2.5ml/L discharge standard, under the Mayo watershed, and AP08605 for Placer Land Use Approval for a Class 4 Operating Plan.


Chairperson
Yukon Water Board

June 15, 2009
Date