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October 18, 2012

Arnold Doucette
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Meteghan, NS B0W 2J0

Dear Mr. Doucette:

RE: FOIPOP Application Number 2012-574

This letter is further to your application under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, for *Department of Environment – Yarmouth Office*. Copy of Inspector Heather MacPherson's on site inspection report done on Robert Huby's mink farm in August 2012.

Access to this information has been partially granted. Information falling under the following exemption provision has been severed from the records in accordance with subsection 5(2) of the *Act*. The text which has been severed from the documents contains personal identifiable information which, if released, would be considered an unreasonable invasion of privacy (s.20), and information which would reveal advice, recommendations developed by or for a public body or a minister (s.14).

s.14 Advice to the Public Body or Minister

(1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal advice, recommendations or draft regulations developed by or for a public body or a minister.

s.20 Personal information

(1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant if the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy.

You have the right to ask, within 60 days of being notified of this decision, for a review of this decision by a Review Officer. If you wish to ask for a review, you may do so on Form 7, a copy of which is attached. This completed form should then be sent to: Review Officer, PO Box 181, Halifax, NS, B3J 2M4.

Should you have any questions regarding this decision, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Aimee Standen
IAP Coordinator



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FILE ACTIVITY REPORT

Folder Name: 408 Harrington Rd, Mayflower, Digby Co. -Complaint
Approval Holder:
File #: 95100-35-YAR-2454494

Contact Name:

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Staff: Heather Macpherson

Date: September 28, 2012

Time: 1045hrs

Topic: Status of action items proposed

Call back received from Farm Manager reports the follow: nipple drinkers have been installed, gutters have been installed on pens and underground piping connected to the gutters has been installed with draining from gutters directed towards the front of farm rather than toward the back.

Saucering between the pens has been initiated but is not completed. The existing back ditching has been cleaned out fully now and relays that surface water runoff has been greatly reduced to the ditching (this was noted during a few rain events that have occurred) that it has made a big difference with managing surface water flow between the pens.

Follow up inspection discussed and Inspector will contact towards end of October to follow up.

Folder RSN: 2454494

From: Web Account Environmental Monitoring and compliance
To: Fuller, Adrian M
CC: Herron, Pauline
Date: 8/9/2012 1:35 PM
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Clare-20120808-00186.jpg
Attachments: Clare-20120808-00186.jpg

Hi Adrian.

Could you please respond to this inquiry and copy me on the reply.

Thanks,
Stephanie

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>>> 2012-08-08 9:17 PM >>>
 Please bring this issue to the attention of Lori Skaine and Roger Monroe -
 Environment Monitoring and Compliance

This mink farm is on "Little Lake Doucette" located in Clare

Addition pictures will be forwarded

Please consider this a formal complaint on behalf of _____ who along
with me would like to have follow-up regarding what action is going to be
taken.

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2012 8:28 PM
To:
Subject: Clare-20120808-00186.jpg

Hi _____ you remember me back in april or may you came and had a
 look at our lake on the Harrington road where the mink ranch is. I found
 this on the bottom of the hill from the mink ranch only about 2 ft from the
 lake and look like wood chips and mink shit draining right in the lake.
 There is a few more pictures. Do you think we should do something about
 this.

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From: Web Account Environmental Monitoring and compliance
To: Fuller, Adrian M
CC: Herron, Pauline
Date: 8/9/2012 1:37 PM
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Clare-20120808-00188.jpg
Attachments: Clare-20120808-00188.jpg

Hi Adrian.

I think this is another picture.

Steph

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>>> 012-08-08 9:21 PM >>>
Please bring this issue to the attention of Lori Skaine and Roger Monroe -
Environment Monitoring and Compliance

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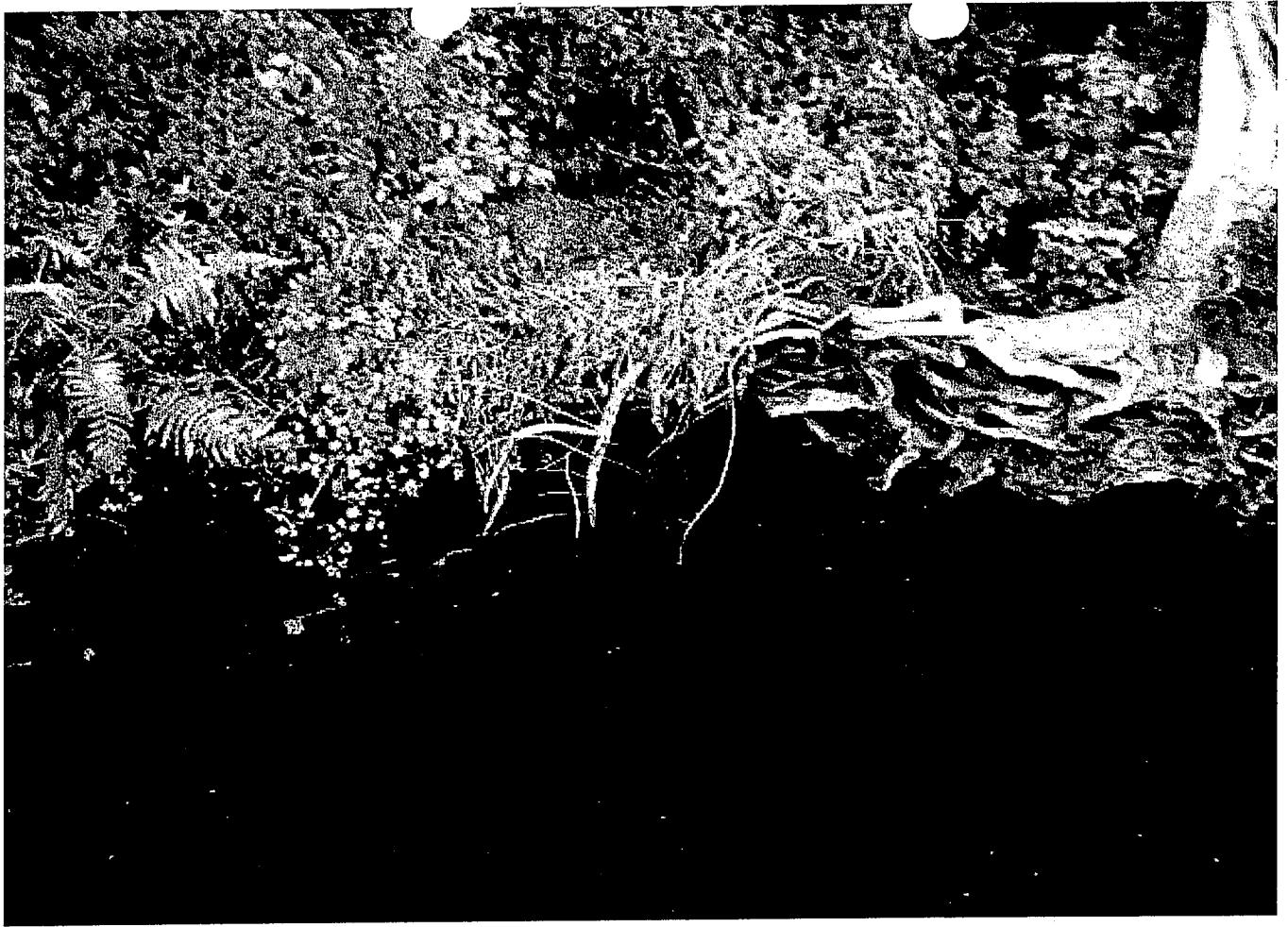
Addition pictures

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with me would like to have follow-up regarding what action is going to be
taken.

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From:
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2012 8:30 PM
To:
Subject: Clare-20120808-00188.jpg

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From: Web Account Environmental Monitoring and compliance
To: Fuller, Adrian M
CC: Herron, Pauline
Date: 8/9/2012 1:37 PM
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Clare-20120808-00187.jpg
Attachments: Clare-20120808-00187.jpg

Hi Adrian.

Another pic.

Steph

>>> 2012-08-08 9:22 PM >>>
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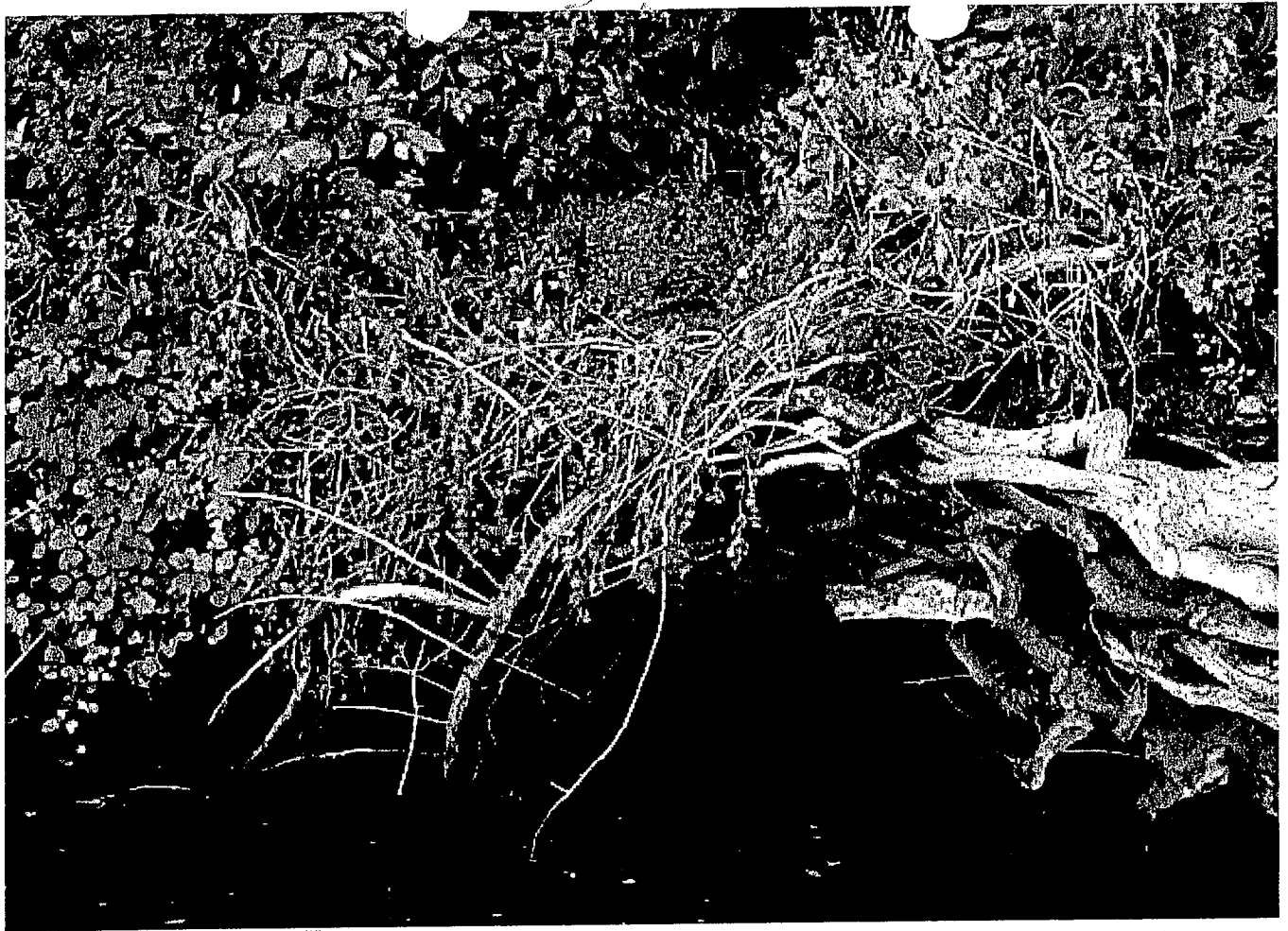
Addition pictures

Please consider this a formal complaint on behalf of [redacted] who along
with me would like to have follow-up regarding what action is going to be
taken.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2012 8:30 PM
To:
Subject: Clare-20120808-00187.jpg

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From: Web Account Environmental Monitoring and compliance
To: Fuller, Adrian M
CC: Herron, Pauline
Date: 8/9/2012 1:38 PM
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Clare-20120808-00185.jpg
Attachments: Clare-20120808-00185.jpg

Hi Adrian.

Another pic.

Steph

>>> 2012-08-08 9:23 PM >>>
Please bring this issue to the attention of Lori Skaine and Roger Monroe -
Environment Monitoring and Compliance

This milk farm is on "Little Lake Doucette" located in Clare

Addition pictures

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with me would like to have follow-up regarding what action is going to be
taken.

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From:
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2012 8:31 PM
To:
Subject: Clare-20120808-00185.jpg

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From:
To: <macpheht@gov.ns.ca>
Date: 8/13/2012 12:28 PM
Subject: Mink farm run off into Little Lake doucet

Heather the wikimapia link has a yellow bar drawn on it at the location where the run off is located.

I am sending this email as a formal complaint on behalf of myself, and along with the property owners about mink farm run off into Little Lake Doucet. The mink farm in question is located at GPS coordinates

N 44 06.492 (mink farm entrance)
W 066 03.625

WIKIMAPIA link

<http://www.wikimapia.org/#lat=44.106798&lon=-66.0595558&z=17&l=0&m=b&gz=0;-660587458;441063974;0;963;8101;0>

In the photo bucket link you will find a video taken starting at the lake, walking up the hill to the mink farm aprx 66M when calculated using wikimapia. A collection of photos has also been added to the site starting at the lake with visible mink feces floating upon arrival to site along with the disaster left behind by the trail of feces runing down the hill.

Pay close attention towards the end of the video where a visible ditch has been cut into the embankment allowing the run off to EASALY make it's way down to the lake.

We, the residence of this lake want to know what actions will or will not be taken to adress this problem. It has become a great concern to us as we have watched our lake deteriorate from prestine clear source fed water with 13+ feet of visibility to a stinky, brown mess with 1.5feet visibility. These major changes have been noted as starting no later than 2 years ago.

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From:
To: Heather Macphee <macpheht@gov.ns.ca>
Date: 8/13/2012 9:27 AM
Subject: picture of runoff Little Lake Doucette ---Harrington Rd

Hi Heather,

The civic # for that ranch is 408 Harrington rd

Here are a few pictures , let me know if you need more and I'll fwd the pictures that was sent to me

Thanks

From:
To: <macpheht@gov.ns.ca>
Date: 8/13/2012 9:10 AM
Subject: Mink ranch concerns on Little Lake Doucette-- Harrington Rd

Hi Heather,

You will have to copy and paste the link in another tab

Feel free to contact me anytime with any questions

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From: Paddy-joe Hudson
To: Macpherson, Heather T
Date: 8/13/2012 9:07 AM
Subject: Complaint Mink Farm on Harrington Rd. Hectanoga

Hi Heather,

Just received a complaint from He advised that there is mink runoff coming from this mink farm into Little Lake Doucette. He is going to send pictures and a video shortly to me and I will forward it to you. You will have to call him for the specifics of the release.

Thanks,

Paddy-joe

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From:
To:
CC: <bmedel@herald.ca>, "Debbie Boudreau Tri County Watershed Grp" <tricount...
Date: 8/11/2012 10:12 AM
Subject: Re: mink

Enclosed are pictures of runoff from a mink farm into "Lake Little Doucette" located near Hectanooga. This is a small lake with a number of family cottages on it plus a mink farm.

They are looking for help- and to network with others who have same problem.

they may be interested in pursuing the legal issue.

Heather- can you or your department (NSE) get involved and investigate based on this "point source" as this is the only farm on this lake.

Thanks.

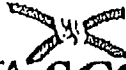
Al Hall

From:
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 6:13 PM
To: mailto
Subject: Fw: mink

From:
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 05:58 PM
To:
Subject: mink

mink
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NOTES TO FILE

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File Number	Volume:
Date, Time, Initials	Description of Action Taken & Persons Involved
Aug 13/12 JP	Call back to to confirm when inspection of site planned for beginning of next week.
	Client call back requested

From: Paddy-joe Hudson
To: Macpherson, Heather T
Date: 8/10/2012 9:47 AM
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Clare-20120808-00185.jpg (ITS #678)
Attachments: Fwd: Fw: Clare-20120808-00185.jpg; Fwd: Fw: Clare-20120808-00187.jpg; Fwd: Fw: Clare-20120808-00188.jpg; Fwd: Fw: Clare-20120808-00186.jpg

Hi Heather,

Please see attached. This is a complaint, not a DM. From what is provided it appears an inspection will be required. Please respond by August 14, 2012. If an Inspection is required just advise that in your response to the clients, Pauline, Stephanie Jobe, Adrian and myself.

Thank you,

Paddy-joe

>>> Pauline Herron 8/10/2012 8:40 AM >>>

Hi Pj

Can you look at the attachments and prepare a response please? They are all the same issue with separate photos from the one complainant, .

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Please try to have your response sent out by Wednesday 15 August.

By the way, I am on vacation after Tuesday (yeah, me)!

Cheers
Pauline

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From: Heather T Macpherson
To:
Date: 8/13/2012 2:08 PM
Subject: Re: waterways

Hello,

This Division of Nova Scotia Environment does not have specific contacts per area like the Environmental Monitoring and Compliance Division.

Heather

Heather Macpherson
Inspector Specialist
Nova Scotia Environment
Environmental Monitoring and Compliance Division
Yarmouth District Office, 13 First St
742-8985 phone
742-7796 fax

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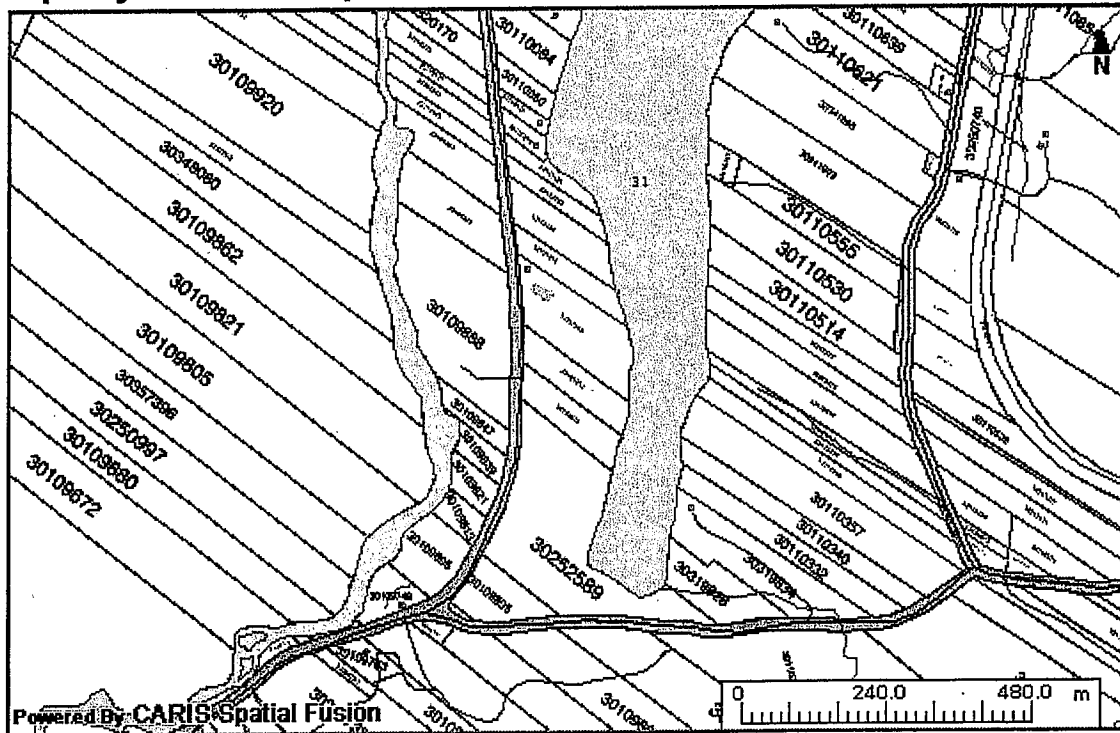
Hello heather

Who is our area's contact for the Water and Wastewater Branch?



Property Online Map

Date: Aug 13, 2012 1:14:23 PM



PID:	30252563	Owner:	ROBERT L HUBY	AAN:	04148266
County:	DIGBY COUNTY		CLAUDETTE V HUBY	Value:	\$1,600 (2012 RESOURCE FARM)
LR Status:	NOT LAND REGISTRATION	Address:	408 HARRINGTON ROAD		\$23,500 (2012 RESOURCE TAXABLE)
			MAYFLOWER		

The Provincial mapping is a graphical representation of property boundaries which approximate the size, configuration and location of parcels. Care has been taken to ensure the best possible quality, however, this map is not a land survey and is not intended to be used for legal descriptions or to calculate exact dimensions or area. The Provincial mapping is not conclusive as to the location, boundaries or extent of a parcel [*Land Registration Act* subsection 21(2)]. THIS IS NOT AN OFFICIAL RECORD.

Property Online version 2.0

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From: Danny T Shannon
To: Macpherson, Heather T
Date: 8/13/2012 2:53 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Mink farm run off into Little Lake doucet

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>>> Heather T Macpherson 8/13/2012 2:38 pm >>>

Hi Danny,

Thanks

Heather

Heather Macpherson
Inspector Specialist
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From:
To: <MACPHEHT@gov.ns.ca>
Date: 8/13/2012 4:20 PM
Subject: Fw: Complaint related to Little Lake Doucette

Thanks for the reply and yes I would like client call back after the inspection.

Thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From:
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2012 18:50:54
To:
Subject: FW: Complaint related to Little Lake Doucette

-----Original Message-----

From: Heather T Macpherson [mailto:MACPHEHT@gov.ns.ca]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 3:28 PM
To:
Subject: Complaint related to Little Lake Doucette

Hello

Thank you for the information provided regarding a complaint related to release of substance to Little Lake Doucette. An inspection will be conducted at the beginning of next week in relation to this complaint.

Please respond to this email and let me know if you would like a client call back once the inspection has been completed.

Heather

Heather Macpherson
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