

Version 3 Hammond Reef Gold Project EIS/EA – Addendum (Part B)
Responses to Provincial Information Requests

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Identifier	Topic	Reference to EIS/EA Report	Summary of Previous Comment	Proponent's Response to Previous Comment	Follow-up comment/ Request for Information	New Proponent Response	Subsequent Comment
			<i>Date: August 2015</i> MOE SW-1B	<i>Date: November 2015</i>	<i>Date: January 2016</i>		
MOE SW-1C	Alternatives Assessment – Effluent Discharge, spawning habitat		A fish spawning survey should have been done as part of the baseline studies in order to confirm that this area is indeed critical fish habitat. By assuming that it is critical habitat based on word-of-mouth, it results in the elimination of this location as a potential effluent discharge location. Since this location is located in the main flowpath of Upper Marmion Lake, it would likely have enhanced dilution characteristics compared to the preferred alternative for discharge location located near Sawbill Bay.	CMC values stakeholder input and perception. Therefore, after many stakeholders stated their preference that the discharge location avoid this area, a decision was made to respect these comments. The preferred alternative discharge location has shown to be appropriate to the project needs.	If EA decisions are based on comments made by stakeholders, then the proponent should have a written record of those comments. During a recent conference call (Nov. 3, 2015), the proponent indicated that they have no written record of these comments but that they remember them being made. It is not clear why there is no written record of these comments made by “many stakeholders” and on which EA decisions are being based. The preferred discharge location appears to be adequate for the project needs and has an acceptably-sized mixing zone based on modelling done to date. Additional information will be required at the permitting and approvals stage, but the response is sufficient for the EA stage.	Acknowledged	N/A