Project Title

Trial Islands Lightstation – New Desalinator and Freshwater Distribution System

Notice of Determination

February 1, 2023 Victoria, B.C. – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) have decided that the proposed project, the New Desalinator and Freshwater Distribution System on Trial Islands Lighstation, is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. In making this determination, DFO and ECCC considered the following factors and key environmental aspects:

Factors:

- Impacts on rights of Indigenous peoples
- Indigenous knowledge
- Comments received from the public

Environmental Aspects:

- Species at risk
- Migratory birds
- Water and sediment quality
- Fish and fish habitat
- Contaminated soils

DFO and ECCC are satisfied that there is low potential for the project to cause adverse environmental effects on areas of federal jurisdiction. Environmental effects that are within provincial jurisdiction would be addressed through provincial regulations.

Therefore, DFO and ECCC may perform any duty or function to enable the project to be carried out in whole or in part.