

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 Comment	Proponent's Response	Subsequent Comment
			<i>Date: March 2014</i>	<i>Date: June 2015</i> <i>Same response as <a href="#">MOE SW 1</a></i>	
MNR-8	Aquatic Habitat		<p>One of the main factors in the alternatives assessment for selection of preferred alternative for the effluent discharge location appears to be identification of critical fish habitat. MNR has provided information on known spawning locations in Marmion lake including identifying critical fish habitat at Lynxhead Narrows (Location #1). However, there was no identification of critical spawning location at Alternative Site #2 and it is not clear in the document where this information came from. As well, since the water levels change drastically during the spring in Marmion Reservoir, the water level at the time of spawning needs to be considered in the determination of the area as suitable spawning habitat.</p>	<p>Canadian Malartic shared the Project alternatives throughout a series of meetings with the public, government and Aboriginal communities. All three groups commented that discharge Site #2 was within fish spawning habitat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The comments from the public were received during Open Houses held in Atikokan.</li> <li>■ The comments from the government were received during discussions on fish compensation planning.</li> <li>■ The comments from the Aboriginal communities were received from First Nations elders who participated in the Traditional Use Study.</li> </ul> <p>Because the comment regarding fish spawning habitat at Alternative #2 was received from all three groups, Canadian Malartic chose to take a precautionary approach and select an alternative location that did not raise the same concerns about fish spawning habitat.</p>	<a href="#">MNR-8</a>