
HAMMOND REEF GOLD PROJECT RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON FINAL EIS/EA

COMMENT – T-55

Source: Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Summary of Comment

Table 8-8 states that the monitoring objective for displacement of wildlife is to confirm effectiveness of habitat compensation measures if required (e.g.Bats).

Proposed Action

Provide clarification on when habitat compensation measures will be required based on the monitoring objective with respect to the displacement of wildlife.

Reference to EIS

Table 8-8

Response

Habitat compensation may be required if the habitat of a species protected under *Ontario's Endangered Species Act* (ESA) is damaged or destroyed by the proposed Project. Such damage or destruction would be considered a contravention of the ESA and a permit under the Act would be required. Typically, in order to obtain an ESA permit under these conditions, the Project proponent is required to create an overall benefit to the protected species. One of the methods used to demonstrate an overall benefit to species protected under the ESA would be to create new habitat in order to compensate/offset the loss to the species of damaged or destroyed habitat from the Project. This newly created habitat typically requires annual monitoring for a defined period of time. The specific habitat creation methods and monitoring conditions would be prescribed in the ESA permit.