



Staff Report

Date: January 19, 2023
To: D. Fish, Chief Administrative Officer
From: C. Wentland, Planning/Economic Development Officer
Subject: Land Referral 162982905 - 002 – Haida Fisheries – License of Occupation for Community Institutional Use

THAT the Staff Report entitled “Land Referral 162982905 - 002 – Haida Fisheries – License of Occupation for Community Institutional Use” be received for information,

AND THAT the Board of the North Coast Regional District provide a referral response.

PURPOSE:

To present to and seek a referral response from the Board of the North Coast Regional District (NCRD) on Referral No. 162982905 - 002 (Referral) – a referral in regards to the construction, maintenance and operation of vessel traffic monitoring stations.

DISCUSSION:

Haida Fisheries has applied for License of Occupation of two small sites located at Rennell Sound and the East Narrows. The term of the License is for 10 years, and both sites are outside of the NCRD’s zoned area in Electoral Area D.

Intended Use

The Applicant intends to install small concrete pads to support small-scale solar power generation for the construction, maintenance, and seasonal operation of vessel traffic monitoring stations. Some clearing is required at the Rennell Sound site, and the Applicant is aware of and intends to obtain a License to Cut. The East Narrows site will

not require a License to Cut. A Management Plan has been included with this report as Attachment A.

Location

The Rennell Sound Site is located on the Northeast banks of Rennell Sound at approximately 53.35083°N, 132.23961°W. The East Narrows site is located on the North Banks of the East Narrows of Skidegate Channell at approximately 53.14642°N, 132.23961°W. A General Location Map including both sites has been included as Attachment B, with site maps of Rennell Sound as Attachment C and the Site Map of the East Narrows as Attachment D.

Advisory Planning Commission

This referral was provided to the Graham Island Advisory Planning Commission on December 8, 2023. Members of the APC have advised that they support approval of the project.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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| Housing | Board Governance | Shared Services |
| Economy | North Coast Community | |

This referral is not directly related to the objectives and actions listed in the NCRD’s 2023-2026 Strategic Plan.

Attachments

- Attachment A: 162982905 – 002 Management Plan
- Attachment B: 162982905 – 002 General Location
- Attachment C: 162982905 – 002 Rennell Sound
- Attachment D: 162982905 – 002 East Narrows

RECOMMENDATION:

- Approval of application is supported;
- No objection to approval of the project;
- No objection to approval of the project subject to conditions;
- Recommend refusal of the project due to reasons outlined below;
- No response.