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Dear Sir and Madam,

This letter is to inform you that the Province of Manitoba has designated Goose Island and Grand Island as park reserves for a six month period to allow for continued discussions regarding the permanent protection of these sites. The park reserve designation for Pemmican Island was allowed to expire as of December 14, 2016 to allow for mineral exploration on the island.

Parks and Protected Spaces Branch is working collaboratively with Mines Branch to ensure minimal impact on the island and its associated habitat. Parks and Protected Spaces Branch still maintains an interest in pursuing the protection of Pemmican Island once the mineral exploration has been completed, which is anticipated in three to five years.

The rights of Indigenous Peoples to access these areas for hunting, trapping, fishing and other traditional pursuits would be respected and maintained.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (204)945-4148 or jason.kelly@gov.mb.ca.

Regards,



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