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RESCUE COMMENDATION AWARD CITATION

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Airin Kostiuik

Athabasca River, Athabasca, AB – September 4, 2021

THE RESCUE COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE *recognizes an outstanding rescue by a person who is not a Lifesaving Society award holder.*

On September 4, 2021, Barry Hawryluk was on his annual long weekend fishing trip. He left camp and went out on his own to go fishing on the sandbar where the Berland and Athabasca River meet. Barry lost his balance and fell into the river, at which point his chest-waders began to fill with water. Barry was holding all his fishing gear, and with the weight of his waders full of water, he was struggling back up to his feet. Barry was becoming exhausted, and the force of the water was slowly pushing him towards the Athabasca River.

Nathan noticed Barry struggling in the water. Neither Airin nor Nathan had any proper aquatics or rescue gear, but without any hesitation they ran into the river to help him. They then began to free Barry of his fishing gear and hauled him from the water. They helped him drain the water from his chest-waders where Nathan then assisted him back to his camp.

For her quick response and outstanding effort, Airin Kostiuik is awarded the Rescue Commendation.