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Dear Tracey McCaie, Richard Dwyer, Mosha Cote, Cassel Kapolak, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, and Melissa Lafreniere:

RE: NPC File No. 150720 [Cape Bounty Arctic Watershed Observatory (CBAWO)]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. RENEWAL of scientific research activities to determine how climate change affects land and water.
2. Associated NPC File No.: 148246, 148366, and 150065; Associated NIRB File No.: 03YN010
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Cape Bounty on Melville Island]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by the NPC, including scientific research activities, and a conformity determination

was issued most recently on 7 May 2023 which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No. 03YN010).

This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* under Section 235 of that Act.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because the NPC is of the understanding that it does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the *Nunavut Agreement* do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150720>.

This conformity determination applies only to the above-noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Agreement* to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Goump Djalogue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Goump" and last name "Djalogue" clearly distinguishable.

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