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Dear Mosha Cote, Cassel Kapolak, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, and Sarah Rahmer:

RE: NPC File No. 150438 [DRDC Arctic Maritime Research Activities – Arctic Acoustic Recorders (AAR) Trial]

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

1. Marine-based Scientific Research with the purpose of collecting an underwater ambient noise record in the Eastern Arctic:
 - a. deployment of three (3) passive AARs (Arctic Acoustic Recorders) into the ocean from a ship (1 on the ocean bottom, 2 in the water column), for a period of one year.
2. Associated NPC File Nos.: 148522, 148823, 149525, 149788, and 149994
3. Associated NIRB File Nos.: 08DN056 and 22DA050
4. Location: Outside Designated Area; [Baffin Bay, beyond Outer Land Fast Ice Zone]

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

The NPC has determined that this proposal falls outside the Designated Area (i.e., the Nunavut Settlement Area and Outer Land Fast Ice Zone). Under the *Nunavut Agreement* and the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, the

NPC only has a statutory mandate to review “projects/project proposals” to be carried out in whole or in part in the Designated Area. As such, the proposal is exempt from a review by the NPC and screening by the NIRB.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authority identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150438>.

This decision applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits, and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required.

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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