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

RE: NPC File No. 150463 [DRDC - Weather Station Trial (NWTD)]

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

1. Scientific Research: Redeployment of an unmanned weather station outside the area of Gascoyne Inlet Camp.
2. Modifications to the amended project proposal:
 - a. Change in location of deployment of unmanned weather station.
3. Associated NPC File Nos.: 148552, 148823, 149525, 149788, and 150057 [DRDC - Northern Watch Technology Demonstration Project (NWTD)]; 150276 [Gascoyne Inlet Camp (NWTD)]
4. Associated NIRB File Nos.: 08DN056 [DRDC - Northern Watch Technology Demonstration Project] and 22DA050 [DRDC - Northern Watch Technology Demonstration Project (NWTD)]
5. Associated NWB File Nos.: 8WLC-NWT1920, 8WLC-NWT2223, and 8WLC-NWT2425
6. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Gascoyne Inlet; on cliff across inlet and approximately 2.5 km from camp]

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 NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal (conformity determination issued 20 April 2023), which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including Gascoyne Inlet Camp activities and deployment of unmanned weather station (NIRB File No.: 22DA050). It conforms to the North

Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP) and the proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the change in location of deployment does not change the general scope of the 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=150463>.

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination 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. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the *NuPPAA*.

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', written in a cursive style.

Goump Djalogue
Manager of Planning & Implementation, MCIP, RPP
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