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Re: Screening Decision for Public Works and Government Services Canada's Disposal At Sea Permit request with Environment Canada for the "Disposal at Sea of Dredged Sediments, Pangnirtung Fjord" Project Proposal.

Dear Mr. Arragutainaq,

Thank you for your Screening Decision Report of March 22nd 2011 regarding the Public Works and Government Services' Disposal at Sea permit application for activities related to the Pangnirtung Harbour Development. In the Decision Report, the NIRB acknowledged that this application is directly associated with the previously-screened Fisheries and Oceans Canada's (DFO) "Pangnirtung Small Craft Harbour Development" project proposal (NIRB File No. 09UN052). Upon review of the PWGSC application the Board determined that the current proposal represented a change in the scope of the original DFO project and therefore the Board stipulated additional conditions to mitigate potential impacts as per 12.4.4 (a) of the Nunavut Land Claim Act (NLCA).

On behalf of the Minister I accept the NIRB's Decision Report under 12.5.7 (a) of the NLCA, in doing so I agree that the project should proceed and agree to take the NIRB's recommended conditions into consideration when authorizing the disposal at sea activity.

Once again, I would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board for its diligence in screening the Project and I look forward to working with the Board on future environmental assessments.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Mark Dahl at (204) 983 4815 or by email at mark.dahl@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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For the Minister of the Environment



cc: Mark Dahl, Disposal at Sea Officer