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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Richard Dwyer, Mosha Cote, Natalie D-Souza, Jared Ottenhof, Lisa Pirie, Carson Gillis, and Joel Heath:

RE: NPC File No. 150548 [Community-Driven Monitoring of Sea Ice and Eider Duck Populations around the Belcher Islands, Nunavut]

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

1. Community-based scientific research focused on understanding changing sea ice and oceanographic conditions and relationships with changing wildlife populations, with an emphasis on eider ducks as a key indicator species and resource for the community.

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- a. Non-invasive methods such as photography, video recording, and sampling of sea ice and water
2. Associated NPC File Nos.: 149411, 149248, 148969, 148665, and 148389
3. Associated NIRB File No.: 10YN058
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Sanikiluaq]

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 and has determined that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC most recently on 21 October 2020, including non-invasive photography, water and ice sampling, and video monitoring of eiders. In addition, the associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No. 10YN058).

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 are available at the following address:
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150548>.

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,



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