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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Mosha Cote, Jared Ottenhof, and Christian Haas:

RE: NPC File # 151054 [IceBird Winter 2026]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Scientific Research
2. **Project summary description:** The aim of IceBird is to carry out sea ice surveys across different ice regimes when sea ice reaches its maximum and minimum extents. The project is intended to gather detailed measurements and monitor how these changes evolve year over year.
3. **Summary of modifications:** The 2026 IceBird campaign dates are now April 10–30. All other survey plans remain unchanged.
4. **Associated NPC File No.:** 148390, 149053, 149938, 150375, and 150594; **Associated NIRB File No.:** 25YN003, 09YN010 and 14YN025
5. **Location:** Kitikmeot & Qikiqtani Regions & Transboundary; [Cambridge Bay and Victoria Strait; Pond Inlet, Resolute Bay, and Penny Strait; Eureka and Last Ice Area]

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 determinations issued 15 December 2016, 14 February 2019, 16 January 2023, 8 April 2024, and January 9, 2025), which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including sea ice survey (NIRB File Nos.: 09YN010, 14YN025 and 25YN003). It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). 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 currently proposed renewal activities do 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=151054>

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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letters 'S' and 'A' connected by a horizontal line.

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