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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program, Mosha Cote, Jane Chisholm, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, and Marie-Helen Forget:

RE: NPC File No. 150538 [Seasonal surveys of physical, optical and biogeochemical properties in seawater along littoral to deep-ocean gradients in the Qikiqtarjuaq area, and physiological properties of phytoplankton in minimum light] – REVISED DECISION

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

1. Marine-based scientific research to document the bottom-up control of microalgal primary producers, namely light and nutrients in sea ice and seawater, and microalgae (biomass, diversity and productivity), along coastal transects from the Broughton Island littoral or neighbouring fjord heads to offshore, and during 4 expeditions conducted during 4 different seasons.
2. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. 120 days over period 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2028

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- i. Operations: 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2026
- ii. Closure: 1 January 2027 to 31 March 2028
- b. 8 personnel for a total of 960 person-days
- 3. Associated NPC File No.: 148987; Associated NIRB File No.: 14YN040
- 4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Qikiqtarjuaq; Coastal, littoral, and fjord heads to offshore in the vicinity of Broughton Island and within Auyuittuq National Park]

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, and a portion is outside the jurisdiction of the NPC.

The NPC previously decided that this project proposal requires screening and forwarded the proposal to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for screening. Since that decision, it has come to the attention of the NPC that this is an ongoing project previously reviewed by the NPC (File No. 148987) and screened by the NIRB (File No. 14YN040).

In conclusion, the above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 as amended because it is for a component of activity that was part of the original proposal and its inclusion is not a significant modification to the project, and the NPC retracts its previous decision.

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=150538>.

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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,



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