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Dear Mosha Cote, José Audet-Lecouffe, Cassel Kapolak, and Maxime Geoffroy:

RE: NPC File # 150547 [COMET: Characterization of the marine ecosystem outside Qikiqtarjuaq]

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

1. Continuation of a scientific research project to monitor and evaluate marine ecosystem dynamics around Qikiqtarjuaq. Project activities include:
 - a. The retrieval of two moorings (deployed under NRI License 02 001 24R-M) and deployment of a profiling VMP 250 turbulence sensor and ROV to observe the mooring sites, a CTD to collect vertical depth profiles of conductivity, temperature, light, turbidity, chlorophyll concentration, and dissolved oxygen, ice-tethered sediment traps, ice-tethered nutrient samplers, plankton sampling, water sampling, an ice-tethered echosounder, and a Sea-Ice Mass Balance Array (SIMBA).
2. Modification: new project location that falls within municipal boundaries
3. Related NPC FILE No: 148987; Related NIRB FILE No. 14YN04
4. Location: Qikiqtaaluk Region; [Qikiqtarjuaq marine areas]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan, and the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board including deployment of marine instruments to collect detailed biological, chemical and physical data related to phytoplankton (NIRB File No.: 14YN04).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the change in project location 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=150547>

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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