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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Ms. Pirie-Dominix, Ms. Williston, Ms. Osmond, Mr. Kharatyan, Mr. LaCroix, Ms. Orman, Mr. Cote, Mr. Clyde:

RE: NPC File # 148690 [Shorebird Research – Renewal of Research at East Bay; Discontinuation at Prince Charles Island]

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

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1. Scientific Research: Examine the factors that affect shorebird population variation and breeding success, and try to determine the degree to which changes in the North could be responsible for population declines of these species.
 - a. Quantify the effects of goose related changes in habitat structure and predation pressure on shorebird populations, and determine whether these factors play a role in the observed declines of shorebird numbers.
2. Renewal: Continue research at the East Bay site on Southampton Island, but not Prince Charles Island. All other aspects of the project remain the same as previous years.
3. Location: Kivalliq Region; [east side of Southampton Island]

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 previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal (conformity determination issued March 14, 2006; amendment 148462 issued Feb. 20 2017). These conformity determinations still apply. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 06AN026 and 17AN040). The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148690&sessionid=>

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) 857-2242.

Sincerely,



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