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Dear Lisa Pirie, Natalie D'Souza, Richard Dwyer, Cassel Kapolak, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, and Grant Gilchrist:

**RE: NPC File No. 150722 [Coastal Surveys of Common Eider Nesting Islands Along the South Baffin Coast]**

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

1. AMENDMENT to scientific research activities.
2. Summary of proposed modification:
  - a. Sediment core sampling
3. Associated NPC File No.: 148225, 148512, and 150286; Associated NIRB File No.: 06AN026
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Coast near Kinngait]

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 most recently reviewed by NPC on 22 February 2024. In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No. 06AN026).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of sediment core sampling 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=150722>.

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 the email or telephone number below.

Sincerely,



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