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Dear Natalie D/Souza, Carolien Whittle, Christopher Gerlach, Patrick Graillon, Lisa Pirie, Maryse Mahy, Cassel Kapolak, Jared Ottenhof, Wynter Kuliktana, Carson Gillis, and Ben Bradley:

RE: NPC File No. 150642 [Quark Expeditions: Canadian Arctic 2025]

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

1. RENEWAL of marine-based tourism activities.
2. Associated NPC File Nos.: 148267, 148631, 148941, 149192, 149267, 149682, 149959, and 150449
3. Associated NIRB File No.: 05AN089
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Various locations across Qikiqtani Region, Baffin Island, and High Arctic Islands]

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 works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by the NPC, including marine-based tourism activities, and a conformity determination was most recently issued on 24 July 2024, which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No. 05AN089).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (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. Additionally, it is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* under Section 235 of that *Act*.

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=150642>.

This conformity determination applies only to the above-noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Agreement* to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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