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Dear Lisa Pirie, Catherine Jarjour, Wildlife Research Section, Cassel Kapolak, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, and Francois Vezina:

RE: NPC File No. 150754 [Climate change, migration and breeding of birds at Alert, Nunavut]

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

1. RENEWAL of avian scientific research activities:
 - a. The general long-term objective of this project is to determine how changing conditions associated with climate change influence the capacity of arctic breeding birds to recover from, and prepare for, migration and determine how this may interfere with their reproductive preparation, reproductive effort and success as well as their survival.
2. Associated NPC File Nos.: N/A, 148450, and 149480; Associated NIRB File No.: 15YN031
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region (North Baffin Planning Region); [Canadian Forces Station Alert]

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 avian scientific research activities, and conformity determinations were issued on 27 March 2015, 20 February 2017, and 22 February 2021, which still apply. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No. 15YN031).

This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* under Section 235 of that Act.

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.

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=150754>.

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 the email or telephone number below.

Sincerely,



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