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Dear Ms. D'Amours-Gauthier, Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Cote, Ms. Merzouk:

RE: NPC File # 148629 BaySys – ArcticNet Expedition 2017

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

1. Marine-Based Activities: BaySys is a 4-year project aiming to understand the role of freshwater in Hudson Bay marine and coastal systems, and in particular, to create a scientific basis to distinguish climate change effects from those of hydroelectric regulation of freshwater on physical, biological and biogeochemical conditions in Hudson Bay.
2. Modifications to the original/amended project proposal: Change in location from several stops in the Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Region to Hudson Bay.
3. Associated NPC File No: 148573 ArcticNet Project 1: The Northwest Passage At The End Of The Last Glaciation. ArcticNet Project 2: River Sampling During 2017 ArcticNet Expedition
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; Hudson Bay

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

The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal including the collection of water samples for chemical analysis and the measurement of greenhouse gases, and a determination was issued on May 23, 2017 (NPC file 148573).

In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 06YN071).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the change in location to Hudson Bay 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:

<http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148629&sessionid=>

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) 983-4634.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alana Vigna', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alana Vigna
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