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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Mosha Cote, Jose Audet-Lecouffe, Lisa Pirie, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, Janelle Kennedy, Adam Lewis, Carla Pamak, and Anissa Merzouk:

RE: **NPC File No. 150481 [2024 scientific expedition onboard the research icebreaker CCGS Amundsen]**

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

1. Multidisciplinary marine and terrestrial scientific research aboard CCGS Amundsen to understand the ecosystem response to climate variability and change.
 - a. Sampling of seawater, freshwater, ice, plankton, benthos, and sediments
 - b. Use of CCGS Amundsen for icebreaking, as research base, helicopter pad, etc.
 - c. Use of helicopter to access terrestrial sites
 - d. Use of various scientific instruments towed from or anchored to Amundsen
2. Associated NPC File No.: 149170 and 150484; Related NPC File Nos.: 148573 and 148925
3. Associated NIRB File No.: 06YN071
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region;
 - a. Communities: Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay
 - b. National Parks: Quttinirpaaq, Sirmilik, and Auyuittuq
 - c. National Wildlife Areas: Qaulluit and Akpait
 - d. Various and numerous sampling locations throughout the Region from North to South Baffin
 - e. Transects in Baffin Bay, Tallurutiup Imanga, Davis Strait
 - f. Transboundary: Hudson Strait and Ungava Bay in Nunavik Marine Region; Marine locations off Nunatsiavut and Torngat Mountains National Park

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 activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC and a conformity determination was issued on 5 June 2019 which still applies. In addition, the activities 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 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=150481>.

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 decision applies only to the portions of the above noted project proposal within the Nunavut Settlement Area; ***the proponent is advised to contact the authorizing agencies outside the Nunavut Settlement Area copied in this letter to identify any additional requirements that may be applicable.*** 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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Goump Djalogue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Goump" and last name "Djalogue" clearly distinguishable.

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