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Dear Ms. Lear, Ms. Pirie-Dominix, Ms. D'Amours-Gauthier, Mr. Cote and Ms. Morin:

RE: NPC File # 148813 - URI Northwest Passage Project 2018

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

1. Marine Based Scientific Research: the Goal of this research expedition is to understand how waters of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago (CAA) have changed as a consequence of the secular warming trend over the Arctic Circle.
2. Related NPC File # 148421 [URI Northwest Passage Project 2017]; Related NIRB file # 17YN016.
3. Location: Qikiqtani and Kitikmeot Regions; [various locations in Nunavut waters through the Northwest passage]

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

The Nunavut Planning Commission (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 February 10, 2017, which still applies. On June 8, 2017, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO. 17YN016) terminated the assessment of the previous project proposal pursuant to Subsection 143(6) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA. The current project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address:

<http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148813&sessionid=>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the 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 conformity determination 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. 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,



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