



July 5, 2018

Mr. Christopher Knowlton  
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Graduate School of Oceanography  
University of Rhode Island  
Narragansett, RI 02882

Dear Mr. Knowlton,

On April 24, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen University of Rhode Island's (URI) "URI Northwest Passage Project 2018" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission, pursuant to Part 3 of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA). Pursuant to s. 92(4) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Ministers extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 18YN029.

The NIRB is unable to provide a written report, and request an extension to the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, 2018, in order to properly review the proposal.

We grant this request.

If you should require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Mosha Cote at the Nunavut Research Institute. You can reach him at 867 979 7279 or by e-mail at [mosha.cote@arcticcollege.ca](mailto:mosha.cote@arcticcollege.ca)

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'ME Thomas'.

Mary Ellen Thomas  
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