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Dear Mr. Emingak, Ms. Chisholm, Mr. Ottenhof, Mr. Pirie-Dominix, Ms. LeBlanc-Havard, Prairies and Territories Office; and Mr. Nakashuk:

RE: NPC File # 149988 [Northern Fulmar and Thick-billed Murre surveys and collections]

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

1. To continue survey of Northern Fulmar (NOFU) nesting colonies in select areas across Nunavut.. The modification proposed in current application includes the following:
 - Change the dates for 2023 research survey and collection
 - Take out AIS instillation component of the project
 - Take out Prince Leopold Island (PLI) portion of the project, and add drones to the project

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- Take out two designated areas for caching fuel and not including Princess Charlotte monument in this survey.
 - Reduce the number of drums that need caching
 - Add 1 other person on site
2. Associated NPC File Nos: 149488; 148645, 148757, 148765; 149078, 149284; Associated NIRB File Nos: 06YN015 and 06YN024
 3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [various research locations across the North Baffin]

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 NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal (conformity determination issued on April 20, 2006, on April 30, 2012, on April 1, 2015, on March 13, 2018, and on May 28, 2019, February 11, 2020, and on August 11, 2021 which still applies). In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB), including the survey of birds and collection of birds' eggs for contaminants level study (NIRB File Nos.: 06YN015 and 06YN024). It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the currently proposed changes does not change the general scope of the original 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/project-dashboard.php?appid=149988&sessionid=>

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 (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,



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