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Dear Tracey McCaie, Mosha Cote, Natalie D'Souza, Maryse Mahy, Lisa Pirie-Dominix, Jared Ottenhof, Cassel Kapolak, and Charlie Nakashuk:

RE: NPC File # 150562 [Seabird colony surveys in Akpaqarvik MBS and Protected Area Management Activities]

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

1. Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) proposes continuing its wildlife research activities in the Akpaqarvik Migratory Bird Sanctuary (MBS). In 2025, ECCC is planning to fly to Akpaqarvik MBS for 5 days to build a dome shelter, retrieve data and conduct maintenance on remote cameras that are stationed at the site. In addition to this, ECCC is proposing to conduct aerial surveys of the seabird colony by drone and by

helicopter. The construction of the shelter is anticipated to take approximately 2 full days. Camera maintenance will be completed during that time. ECCC is proposing to use UAV to conduct an aerial survey of the colony, as well as conduct an aerial survey via helicopter.

2. Related NPC FILE No: 149632, 148645, 148757, 148765; 149078, 149284, 149488; Associated NIRB File Nos: 06YN015 and 06YN024
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; (Akpaqarvik MBS at Prince Leopold Island)

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 (File No. 149632), and a conformity determination was issued on December 8, 2021, which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 06YN015 and 06YN024). The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the currently proposed activities 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=150562>

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letters 'S' and 'A' connected by a horizontal line.

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