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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Mosha Cote, Tracie McCaie, Brenda Pilakapsi, Wynter Kuliktana, Jared Ottenhof, Valerie Wynja:

RE: NPC File # 150717 [OPP 2.0 Baseline Shoreline Mapping 2025]

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

1. Scientific Research: Continue collecting baseline shoreline data for oil spill preparedness in priority Arctic areas. Works and activities involve low-altitude helicopter overflights at the study sites to capture geotagged video and photos of the shoreline characteristics and establish a shoreline database.
2. Proposed modified activities include:
 - **Timing:** This extension will allow the project to continue into summer 2025, following its initiation in 2023.
 - **Location:** To map the areas around Baker Lake/Chesterfield Inlet, and Rankin Inlet. The proponent proposed doing it in 2024 but was unable to coordinate the logistics last summer.
3. Related NPC File No: 149937; 150122; 150247; 150450; Related NIRB File No: 23YN025.
4. Location: Kivalliq Region; [Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet, and Baker Lake]

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 determinations issued May 9, 2023, July 20, 2023, February 9, 2024, and June 4, 2024). This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (*NIRB File No.: 23YN025*). It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that undertaking mapping near the communities of Baker Lake, Rankin Inlet and Chesterfield Inlet 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=150717>

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 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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SA' with a horizontal line through the middle.

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