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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Cory Baker, Mosha Cote, Tracie McCaie and Valerie Wynja:

RE: NPC File # 151141 [OPP 2.0 Baseline Shoreline Mapping 2026- Amended]

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

1. **Primary Land Use: Scientific Research**
2. **Project summary description:** Environment and Climate Change Canada is collecting baseline shoreline data in Arctic priority areas to strengthen oil spill preparedness. This work uses low-altitude helicopter surveys, GIS mapping, and interpretation of geotagged video and photos to create a detailed shoreline characterization database. The resulting interactive maps help identify sensitive coastlines, guide rapid spill response and clean-up, and support broader community uses such as marine planning, restoration, safety, and food security.
3. **Summary of modifications:** The scope of work remains unchanged; the proponent is requesting an amendment only to update project timing and add a new study site at Grays Bay in Coronation Gulf and shift operations to summer 2026.
4. **Associated NPC File Nos.** 149937; 150122; 150247; 150450; 150717; **Associated NIRB File No.:** 23YN025
5. **Location:** Kitikmeot Region; [Grays Bay in Coronation Gulf]

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 has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan, and the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 23YN025).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the continuation of research activities in the Grays Bay area 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 are available at the following address:
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151014>

This decision 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,



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Jurisdictional Note:

This conformity determination applies only to the components of the proposed project located within the Nunavut Settlement Area and under the Nunavut Planning Commission's statutory jurisdiction as defined in the Nunavut Agreement and the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA). Activities outside the NPC's jurisdiction remain subject to the review and regulatory processes of the relevant authorities. Proponents are responsible for identifying, contacting, and obtaining all required approvals from the appropriate regulators in every applicable jurisdiction to ensure compliance with all legislation, policies, and licensing requirements.