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Dear Ms. Kapolak, Mr. Cote, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. McCaie, Ms. Chisholm, Ms. Whittle, Ms. Ottenhof, and Mr. Hadlari:

RE: NPC File # 150179 [Mapping Pearya Terrane]

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

1. Geological Survey of Canada is proposing to conduct field activities and study the origin, evolution, and the opening of the Arctic Ocean and the distribution of oceans, lands, and mountain ranges, which represent the Arctic landscapes and climate we know today.
2. To achieve these goals, the Proponent plans to setup a camp at Yelverton Inlet for approximately two weeks, in July 2024 with no more than 10 personnel on site. Personnel will consist of four GSC scientists, two BGR scientists, one wildlife monitor from Grise Fiord (anticipated), one helicopter pilot, and possibly a helicopter mechanic.

3. The Proponent would use the helicopter for daily transportation to rock outcrop sites, where we will traverse by foot, observe and map rock types, and collect fist-sized samples by hand. A second stage of one week, in Eureka is also planned in late July, 2024. For this (stage 2), we will be working out of the Eureka weather station, and similarly visiting sites by helicopter.
4. In preparation for the fieldwork in July, the Proponent would need to place 40 drums of fuel (8320 L) at the Yelverton Inlet campsite in March 2024. This fuel cache is indicated as the construction phase in the Project Schedule.
5. Location: Qikiqtani Region [Yelverton Inlet and Eureka weather station]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. 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 project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=150179&sessionid=>

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 read 'SA' with a stylized flourish.

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