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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Mosha Cote, Natalie D'Souza, Lisa Pirie-Dominix, Jared Ottenhof, and Julia Baak:

RE: NPC File # 150566 [Hantzsch Island Thick-billed Murre Surveys]

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

1. Scientific Research: The proponent is proposing to conduct surveys at the nine (9) largest murre colonies in the eastern Canadian Arctic, including Hantzsch Island in Frobisher Bay. The current proposal includes surveying Hantzsch Island by helicopter and taking photos of all the seabird species on the island. This survey would be a day trip from Iqaluit to Hantzsch Island in late July or Early August 2025 and would include three people and a pilot.
2. Related NPC File No: 150212; NIRB File No.: 24YN009
3. Location: Qikiqtaaluk [Frobisher Bay, Hantzsch 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 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.: 24YN009).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of a helicopter survey of the murre colonies during a day trip 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=150566>

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,

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

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