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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Lisa Pirie-Dominix, Natalie D'Souza, José Audet-Lecouffe, Jared Ottenhof, and Julia Baak:

RE: NPC File No: 150763 [Seabird Surveys and Monitoring of Vessel Traffic within Akpait and Qaqulluit National Wildlife Areas]

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

1. The Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) is proposing to continue the surveys of Thick-Billed Murres (Akpa) on Akpait, Nunavut and Northern Fulmar (Qaqulluit) Qaqulluit Island.
2. Modifications to the original/amended project proposal: CWS is proposing to extend the operational dates by one year, ending on August 31, 2025.
3. Associated NPC File No: 150271; Related NIRB File No: 24YN007.
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [approx. 75 km east of Qikiqtarjuaq, and 185km Northeast of Pangirtung]

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. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal, and a decision was issued on February 2, 2024, stating that

they are outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 24YN007).

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 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=150763>

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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