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Dear Calvin Ehloak, Natalie D'Souza, Lisa Pirie, Jared Ottenhof, and Julia Baak:

RE: NPC File # 151140 [Seabird Surveys and Monitoring of Vessel Traffic within Akpait and Qaqqulluit National Wildlife Areas]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Marine-based scientific research
2. **Project summary description:** This project will conduct surveys by taking photos of the Thick-Billed Murre and Northern Fulmar colony from a boat with a camera and drone to compare with previous counts. Installation of trail cameras will serve to observe the colonies during breeding season and monitor vessel traffic within the National Wildlife areas. The proponent will also conduct repairs to the AIS (Automatic Identification System)
3. **Associated NPC File Nos.:** 150271 **Associated NIRB File No.:** 24YN007
4. **Location:** Qikiqtani Region; [Akpait, Qaqqulluit Island, and Durban 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. NPC has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC on February 2, 2024. In addition, the works and activities listed above 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 it 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=151140> .

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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



Goump Djalogue, MCIP, RPP
Manager of Planning and Implementation,

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.