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Dear Representatives of the Nunavut Impact Review Board,

The Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization and partners have developed community-based, Inuit-led research programs to assist with management and decision-making regarding Baffinland shipping impacts on marine wildlife of importance to residents of Pond Inlet. Baffinland and QIA have committed to, "jointly approve with the QIA the adaptive management components of the SOP2 that relate to narwhal and seals through a bilateral Adaptive Management Plan Working Group" (Marine Monitoring Plan p. 14).

I understand that implementation and monitoring of the Adaptive Management Plan will be based upon ongoing inputs from the Marine Monitoring Plan (Shipping and Marine Wildlife Management Plan; p. 18, Table 2.2), which is updated and finalized periodically by Baffinland and QIA. The draft list of monitoring programs described (Marine Monitoring Plan p. 50, Table 3.8) does not currently include Inuit-led or community based research and monitoring programs.

MHTO Board of Directors requests that Baffinland and QIA provide a timeline and specific instructions on how Inuit-led community-based research and monitoring can be included on the finalized list of marine monitoring programs during the proposed SOP2 period.

Respectfully,

Chairman, MHTO Board of Directors