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To: The Honourable Steven Guilbeault
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: steven.guilbeault@parl.gc.ca and minister-minister@ec.gc.ca

Re: Screening Decision for Parks Canada's "Douglas Harbour Shelter Amendment" Project Proposal, Kivalliq Region

Dear Honourable Minister:

On March 12, 2024 the NIRB received a referral to screen Parks Canada's "Douglas Harbour Shelter Amendment" project proposal directly from Parks Canada pursuant to s. 167 of the NuPPAA. The NIRB noted that the proposed project would be located within the Ukkusiksalik National Park and pursuant to s. 70(1) of the NuPPAA, the Nunavut Planning Commission conformity determination process does not apply. As a result, pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the Nunavut Agreement and s. 87 of the NuPPAA, the NIRB commenced screening this project proposal and assigned it file number 20UA005

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of Parks Canada's "Douglas Harbour Shelter Amendment" project is not required pursuant to paragraph 92(1)(a) of the NuPPAA.

Pursuant to its discretion under paragraph 92(2)(a) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB has determined that specific terms and conditions are appropriate for this project.

Accordingly, the NIRB is issuing the attached Screening Decision Report dated August 9, 2024, to the responsible Minister. The Screening Decision Report provides, among other things, the regulatory framework, project overview and the NIRB's assessment process, factors relevant for the determining significance of impacts and recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

Please note that the project proposal will not be enclosed due to the size of the electronic document and the limited bandwidth. However, an electronic copy of the project proposal is accessible online from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125889.

Please note that, the Board only directly addresses these notice letters to those individuals considered to be a "responsible Minister with decision-making authority" for the project as set out under the *NuPPAA*. However, regulatory authorities and other authorizing agencies associated with a proposed project (e.g. Regional Inuit Associations, Nunavut Water Board) will continue to be copied on the Notice of Release of the Screening Decision Report. The NIRB is providing these parties with notice and access to the Board's Screening Decision Report as required under s. 200(2) and in support of these parties in the fulfillment of their responsibilities under the *NuPPAA* and the *Nunavut Agreement* to address, and as appropriate, implement, to the fullest extent possible, any relevant NIRB recommendations contained in the Screening Decision Report.

We look forward to receiving a response from the responsible Minister and the NIRB remains available for consultation with the Minister regarding this report as necessary. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Director, Operations, Tara Arko at (867) 983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Chairperson

Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure (1): Screening Decision Report NIRB File No.: 20UA005 (August 9, 2024)