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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Lisa Pirie, Natalie D'Souza, Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Wynter Kuliktana, Luis Manzo, Jared Ottenhof, Jane Chisholm, Carson Gillis, Patrick Graillon, and Amelie Roberto-Charron:

RE: NPC File # 150407 [Estimating the abundance of the Foxe Basin polar bear subpopulation]

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

1. Scientific Research: Estimation of the population abundance of the Foxe Basin polar bear subpopulation and characterization of polar bear movements between surrounding subpopulation boundaries. Methods:
 - a. Use of helicopter for abundance survey via distance sampling and
 - b. biopsy darting; and
 - c. community-led hair snare stations.
2. Temporary Structures:
 - a. Use of existing and permitted camps
 - b. Possible use of up to 78 fuel caches (8 existing), each storing from 2 to 10 drums of fuel and up to a total of 324 drums
3. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. 30 days over period 30 July to 29 August 2024
 - b. 8 personnel for a total of 240 person-days
4. Location: Transboundary; Kitikmeot, Qikiqtani, and Kivalliq Regions; [various locations in and around Foxe Basin]

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. It conforms to both the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan and the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP/NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendices C, G, and H of the KRLUP and Appendices C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150407>.

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination 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. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the *NuPPAA*.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Goump Djalogue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Goump" and last name "Djalogue" clearly distinguishable.

Goump Djalogue
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Nunavut Planning Commission