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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Mosha Cote, Natalie D'Souza, Caroline Whittle, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, Jane Chisholm, and Love Dalen:

**RE: NPC File No. 150440 [Land-research - GEOEO expedition]**

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

1. **Land Use: Scientific research** (wildlife and palaeontology) with the main goal of studying prehistoric changes in the Arctic, which has a complex history of species colonization and extinction. Aim to uncover more of this history, such as the arrival and disappearance of muskox, and how climate changes affected marine ecosystems.
  - a. Use of custom-built raft and Nesje coring system to gather lake sediment cores

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- b. Use of chainsaw to gather driftwood and live shrub samples
  - c. Gathering by hand of bones, teeth, and ancient plant material
  - d. Collection of sedimentary and metamorphic rock samples
  - e. Use of icebreaker Oden as base of operations
  - f. Use of helicopter to access sampling locations
2. **Timing, Duration, & Personnel:**
- a. 15 days over period 1 August to 30 September 2024
  - b. 10 personnel for a total of 150 person-days
3. **Location:** Qikiqtani Region; [Northern tip and eastern coast of Ellesmere Island, outside boundaries of Quttinirpaaq National Park]

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 the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP) and the proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendices C, G, and H of the KRLUP Appendix 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=150440>.

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,



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