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Dear Cassel Kapolak, José Audet-Lecouffe, Mosha Cote, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, and Justine Sutherland:

**RE: NPC File No. 150145 [Mapping nearshore coastal habitats and associated macroflora and fauna in the Qikiqtarjuaq area]**

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

1. Marine-based Scientific Research that aims to classify benthic subtidal habitats, characterize associated flora and fauna, and create a georeferenced database and distribution maps of benthic habitat types and organisms together with associated abundance and diversity metrics.
2. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
  - a. 15 days over period 15 August 2024 to 31 October 2027
  - b. 3 personnel for a total of 45 person-days
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Coastal waters surrounding Qikiqtarjuaq and Igarjuaq, and into Kingnelling Fiord]

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 determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. 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*.

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By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150145>.

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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SA' with a horizontal line extending from the 'A'.

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