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To: The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree  
Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: [gary.anand@parl.gc.ca](mailto:gary.anand@parl.gc.ca)

**Re: Screening Decision for Zachary Michael Frohman's "Visiting the Spicer Islands of Foxe Basin" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani Region**

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Dear Honourable Minister:

On November 21, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Zachary Michael Frohman's (the Proponent) "Visiting the Spicer Islands of Foxe Basin" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. On December 9, 2024, the NIRB received the complete application from the Proponent.

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of Zachary Michael Frohman's "Visiting the Spicer Islands of Foxe Basin" project is not required pursuant to s. 92(1)(a) of the *NuPPAA*. Pursuant to s. 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 February 4, 2025 to the responsible Ministers. 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 and the information related to the project proposal is accessible from the NIRB's Public Registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/126011](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126011).

The Board only 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*. 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](mailto:tarko@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



Kaviq Kaluraq  
Chairperson  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure (2): Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 24YN056 (February 4, 2025) (English and Inuktitut)

cc: Lootie Toomasie, Chairperson, Nunavut Water Board  
The Honourable David Joanase, Minister for Environment, Government of Nunavut  
The Honourable Margaret Nakashuk, Minister for Nunavut Arctic College, Government of Nunavut  
The Honourable P.J Akeeagok, Minister of Culture and Heritage, Government of Nunavut