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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, Denis Ndeloh, and Lauren Candlish:

**RE: NPC File No. 150573 [Qikiqtait Marine Protected Area by Ministerial Order]**

The following conservation initiative has been proposed:

1. Designation of marine protected area (i.e., conservation area) by Ministerial Order under Section 35.1(2) of the *Oceans Act*, in accordance with Section 173 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*.
2. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Sanikiluaq and surrounding marine areas]

A complete description of the conservation initiative 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 conservation initiative as per section 173 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA) and has determined that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

The initiative requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) under section 181 of the *NuPPAA*.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the conservation initiative to the NIRB for screening. Materials are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150573>.

This decision applies only to the above-noted conservation initiative as submitted. In accordance Sections 146 and 182 of the NuPPAA, any future significant modification to the initiative must be submitted to the NPC for further consideration. It should also be noted that as per Section 9.3.2 of the Nunavut Agreement, approval of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board is required for the establishment of conservation areas in Nunavut.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letters 'S' and 'A' connected by a horizontal line.

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