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Kaviq Kaluraq
Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board
P.O. Box 1360, Cambridge Bay, NU
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Dear Ms. Kaluraq:

Thank you for your correspondence of February 6, 2025, regarding the approval of the proposal to establish a Marine Protected Area in Qikiqtait by ministerial order under the *Oceans Act*.

This letter confirms that I accept the Nunavut Impact Review Board's decision that the proposal does not require further review pursuant to s. 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, and its recommended terms and conditions.

I would like to express my appreciation to you and the members of the Nunavut Impact Review Board for supporting the continued protection of this important marine area within the Nunavut Settlement Area.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Diane Lebouthillier'.

The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

c.c.: Olayuk Akesuk, President, Qikiqtani Inuit Association

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