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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Tracey McCaie, Mosha Cote, Natalie D'Souza, Fish & Fish Habitat Protection Program, Explosives Regulatory Division, Transport Canada, Caroline Whittle, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, William Patch, and Justin McDonell:

RE: NPC File No. 150556 [Grise Fiord Community Harbour Project]

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

1. Construction of community harbour and supporting infrastructure: Several field studies completed 2019 and 2024 to support determination of existing environmental conditions; drilling program undertaken summer of 2024 and second program scheduled spring of 2025 to inform geotechnical requirements for detailed design. Project construction scheduled to initiate 2026 and substantially completed 2029. In-water construction works at the harbour location will occur during open-water, while work at the quarry and adjacent areas may extend before and after open-water.
 - a. Construction of new breakwater, dredging of a harbour basin and entrance channel, boat launch ramp, laydown and storage area(s), small craft floats, access roadways, slope protection, and area and navigational lighting
 - b. Supporting components include a quarry and haul road; haul road and quarry remain in place following construction; quarry may be transferred to Hamlet following completion of the Project
2. Summary of proposed modifications:
 - a. Construction of new breakwater, dredging of a harbour basin and entrance channel, a boat launch ramp, laydown and storage area(s), small craft floats, access roadways, slope protection, and area and navigational lighting
 - b. Supporting components include a quarry and haul road; haul road and quarry remain in place following construction; quarry may be transferred to Hamlet following completion of the Project
3. Associated NPC File Nos.: 150435 and 149159; Associated NIRB File No.: 24YN030
4. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. Construction: 500 days over period 30 April 2026 to 30 November 2029
 - b. Operations: 30 April 2030 to 30 April 2080
 - c. 30 personnel for a total of 15,000 person-days
5. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Municipality of Grise 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 completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by the NPC, including baseline field studies and geotechnical drilling program, and a conformity determination was issued on 4 June 2024 which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No. 24YN030).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the construction of community harbour and supporting infrastructure. 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, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) under section 12.4.3 of the *Nunavut Agreement* as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original or previously amended proposal and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project.

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=150556>.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Goump Djalogue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Goump" and last name "Djalogue" clearly distinguishable.

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