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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Lisa Pirie, Natalie D'Souza, Wynter Kuliktana, Carson Gillis, and Danica Hogan:

RE: NPC File No. 150661 [Monitoring Program Pilot in Ahik MBS]

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

1. Scientific research related to wildlife: The Ahiak Area Co-Management Committee (ACMC), responsible for managing the Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary (MBS), will develop and implement monitoring protocols for priority species which include species at risk, light geese, and other birds.
 - a. Arctic PRISM (Program for Regional and International Shorebird Monitoring) monitors shorebirds and other non-colonially nesting birds to find out which bird species are there, if they are breeding or not, how many there are, and what habitats they are using.
2. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. 21 days over period 1 March 2025 to 31 July 2027
 - i. 2025: Project development
 - ii. 2026: Fuel caching in March/April, field work in June, fuel drum cleanup
 - iii. 2027: Project wrap-up including removing any remaining fuel drums

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- b. 6 personnel for a total of 126 person-days
- 3. Location: Kitikmeot Region; [Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary: Elice River, Perry River, Karrak Lake, and McNaughton Lake]

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 and has determined that it 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*.

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=150661>.

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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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