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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Lisa Pirie, Mosha Cote, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, Danica Hogan:

**RE: NPC File No. 150638 [Marine Acoustic Monitoring in Akpait and Qaulluit NAWs]**

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

1. Marine-based scientific research in support of monitoring priorities set out by the Suliliit Area Co-Management Committee related to marine mammals and the effects of marine traffic on wildlife. Akpait and Qaulluit National Wildlife Areas (NAWAs) are also pilot sites for the Ecological and Conservation Monitoring Program (ECOMaP), a program aimed at monitoring the status and effectiveness of the Protected and Conserved Areas Network managed by Environment and Climate Change Canada.
  - a. Deployment of one marine acoustic recorder each in Akpait and Qaulluit National Wildlife Areas (NAWAs) to collect information about baseline noise levels, vocal marine animals, and vessel traffic noise in the area.
2. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
  - a. 2 days over period 1 August 2025 to 30 September 2027
  - b. 4 personnel for a total of 8 person-days
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Akpait and Qaulluit National Wildlife Areas]

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=150638>.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Goump Djalogue". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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