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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Mosha Cote, Caroline Whittle, Wildlife Research Section, Fish & Fish Habitat Protection Program, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, and Heather Shilton:

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RE: NPC File No. 150770 [Investigative Studies for the Iqaluit Nukkiqsautiit Project]

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

1. AMENDMENT to hydrological scientific research activities and hydro development, including continuation of hydrometric data collection.
2. Summary of proposed modifications:
 - i. Archaeological Assessment
 - ii. Commencement of environmental baseline studies at the main reservoir
 - iii. LiDAR data collection
 - iv. Geophysical/geotechnical data collection
 - v. Temporary camp establishment (1,190 person-days)
3. Summary of authorizations required:
 - i. Authorization to Use Water / Deposit Waste Without a Licence (NWB)
 - ii. Class A Land Use Permit (CIRNAC)
 - iii. Wildlife Research Permit (GN-ENV)
 - iv. Fish for Scientific Purposes Permit (DFO)
 - v. Class I Archaeological Research Permit (GN-CH)
4. Associated NPC File No.: 150521; Associated NIRB File No.: 24YN048
5. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Kuugaluk River, approximately 55 km north of Iqaluit]

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 works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by the NPC, including hydrological scientific research activities. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No. 24YN048).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the proposed modifications listed above. The project proposal requires screening by the 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 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 are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150770>.

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 the email or telephone number below.

Sincerely,



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