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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Lisa Pirie, Wildlife Research Section, Richard Dwyer, Wynter Kuliktana, Carson Gillis, and Mitch Weegman:

RE: NPC File No. 150772 [Assessment of population dynamics of waterfowl in the central Arctic]

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

1. NEW wildlife research on migratory birds: to study the population dynamics of lesser snow geese and Ross's geese (i.e., light geese).
 - a. Information about the population dynamics of light geese is required for robust population management.
 - b. It is hoped this becomes a long-term project (25 years) because of the importance of multi-decadal data to informing our understanding of waterfowl population biology.
2. Timing, Duration & Personnel:

- a. 60 days over period 10 June to 01 August 2029
- b. 8 personnel for a total of 496 person-days

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*.

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.

Sincerely,

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