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Dear Cassel Kapolak, José Audet-Lecouffe, Jared Ottenhof, Christopher Lewis:

RE: NPC File # 150833 Qikiqtarjuaq Coastal Baseline Study – Open Water Work

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

1. Marine-based scientific research: Coastal sampling to collect spatial data on benthic and pelagic habitat.
 - Water samples (i.e., POM, nutrients, salinity, O18, and phytoplankton) will be collected at multiple depths using Niskin bottles
 - A zooplankton net (150 µm) net will be towed vertically for taxonomy samples and a 500 µm net will be towed horizontally to collect high biomass samples for food-web studies and rapid zooplankton assessment
 - A subset of stations (12) will be sampled using shoreline seines to collect fish and a benthic dredge and grab will be used to collect invertebrates
 - Biological samples will be used for taxonomic purposes, life-history trait studies, and food web analyses
2. Foster relationships with community members that are interested in studying the marine environment
3. Personnel: 5 person and 12 days on site. Total of 60 person days.
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Qikiqtarjuaq and surrounding area]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has determined that this project proposal 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=150833>

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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Goump" and last name "Djalogue" clearly distinguishable.

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