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Dear Gizella Hejjas, Mosha Cote, Carson Gillis, and Kevin Hedges:

RE: NPC File No: 150872 [Ocean Tracking Network: Marine fish tracking in Baffin Bay and connected waters onboard the RV Kiviug 1]

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

1. **Scientific Research:** Understanding the movement patterns and ecology of Greenland Shark, Greenland Halibut and Arctic Skate.
 - Fish tracking moorings deployed near Clyde River and Qikiqtarjuaq, near the Disko Fan Conservation Area and along the shelf break in Baffin Bay will be retrieved, refit and redeployed. A new set of moorings will be deployed in the outer half of Cumberland Sound.
 - Bottom set longline will be used to assess the distribution and relative abundance of commercially sized Greenland Halibut in inshore waters near Clyde River and Qikiqtarjuaq, Nunavut; fishing will not occur in Cumberland Sound. Tissue samples will be taken from a subset of specimens of all species (except SARA listed species and Greenland Sharks) for chemical tracer analyses to examine food web structure; gonad samples and morphometric measurements will also be taken from these individuals.
2. **Project dates:** August 15, 2025 – October 31, 2025
3. **Location:** Qikiqtani Region and Davis Strait; [various locations including Cumberland Sound]

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.

This decision applies only to the portions of the above noted project proposal within the Nunavut Settlement Area; ***the proponent is advised to contact the authorizing agencies outside the Nunavut Settlement Area copied in this letter to identify any additional requirements that may be applicable.***

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=150872>.

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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