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To: The Honourable Joanne Thompson, P.C.
Minister of Fisheries
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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Sent via email: joanne.thompson@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Fisheries and Oceans Canada’s “Ocean Tracking Network: Marine fish tracking in Baffin Bay and connected waters onboard the RV Kiviug 1” Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On July 24, 2025 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Fisheries and Oceans Canada’s “Ocean Tracking Network: Marine fish tracking in Baffin Bay and connected waters onboard the RV Kiviug 1” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). **Pursuant to s. 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board’s written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 25YN062.**

On August 11, 2025 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB’s public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening. Following a preliminary completeness check of the proposal as submitted, the NIRB determined that the proposal did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening and on August 26, 2025, requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the additional information in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On August 27, 2025, the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On September 17, 2025, the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board’s consideration by September 29, 2025.

Due to a request received to extend the commenting the deadline to October 22, 2025, the NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the *NuPPAA* and additional time is requested to complete the decision-making for this file. The NIRB anticipates screening of this project proposal will be completed by **November 19,**

2025, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister for consideration; should any additional time be required to conclude the screening process, the NIRB commits to providing further updates as deemed appropriate.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the Minister will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/126223.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,



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