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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Fish and Fish Habitat Protection, Luis Manzo, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, and Darcy McNicholl:

RE: NPC File No. 150678 [Arctic Coast - Nunavut Community-based Monitoring 2025-2026]

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

1. NEW marine-based scientific research activities: Arctic Coast is a community-monitoring program, led by DFO Winnipeg that is co-developed with local hunters and trappers' organizations to gather baseline data on coastal fishes and their habitats.
 - a. For our 2025/2026 activities we will be requesting support from the Aqigiq HTO, Kangiqłiniq HTO, Aiviq HTO, Nattivak HTA, and Amaruq HTA to continue our community-based monitoring work (Chesterfield, Rankin, and Kinngait) or collect environmental DNA to develop a protocol with the communities to monitor the expansion of salmon (Iqaluit, Qikiqtarjuaq, and Kinngait).
 - i. Use of boats to travel to sites
 - ii. Deployment of gill nets to capture fish for sampling
 - iii. Use of Ponar grab for sediment sampling
 - iv. Use of vertical tow for plankton sampling

- v. Measurement, photographs, and sampling of subsistence-harvested fish
 - vi. Collection of up to 30 individuals per species per season
2. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. 37 days over period 1 July 2025 to 21 January 2026
 - b. 4 personnel for a total of 148 person-days
 3. Location: Qikiqtani and Kivalliq Regions (Keewatin Planning Region); [Chesterfield Inlet, Rankin Inlet, Cape Dorset, Qikiqtarjuaq, Kinngait]

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 conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendices C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

The above-noted 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 with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150678>.

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination 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. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits, and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the *NuPPAA*.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email or telephone number below.

Sincerely,



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