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Date: January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

To: Darcy McNicholl, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

**Subject: Animal Use Protocol - Letter of Approval**

Dear Darcy,

Your 2026 Animal Use Protocol (AUP), number OPA-ACC-2026-06: "Arctic Coast: Nunavut 2026 Coastal Surveys (Chesterfield Inlet, Arviat, Kinngait)" has been reviewed and approved by the Ontario, Prairie and Arctic Animal Care Committee (OPA-ACC).

Keep this signed letter of approval as well as the signed AUP application form for your records. Please be advised that should there be a need to revise the protocol you are requested to contact the OPA-ACC and obtain approval prior to proceeding.

The Canadian Council on Animal Care requires post approval monitoring of AUPs. The OPA-ACC will be choosing AUPs and asking for photographs or video that shows the handling or interaction of animals for these projects.

In addition, you are required to submit a brief report within 30 days of completion of the project outlining the unexpected changes to the protocol, the number of animals used and any unanticipated results. If unexpected injuries or mortalities occur, you are required to notify your Division Manager and provide an incident report as soon as possible to the OPA-ACC. A blank copy of each of these forms is included with this letter.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sarah Makenbach Giersch  
*Chairperson*

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