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Dear Mosha Cote, Tracie McCaie, Wynter Kuliktana, Jared Ottenhof, Cassel Kapolak, and Stephanie Coulombe:

RE: NPC File # 150719 [Coastal hazard assessment in Kugluktuk and Grise Fiord (Ajuittuq), Nunavut]

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

1. Continue scientific research to establish a quantitative assessment of coastal hazards for two (2) Arctic communities (Kugluktuk and Grise Fiord).
2. Modifications to the original/amended project proposal: The research activities have been expanded to integrate the work of another research team in Grise Fiord, fostering closer collaboration and improved coordination for fieldwork. New objectives include:
 - Detecting rock instabilities and quantifying pre-failure deformation rates, assessing primary producer activity over time, and evaluating the factors driving observed variations.
 - Examine the nutritional content of seawater that supports microbial growth and primary production, while investigating the impacts of coastal changes—such as glacier melt, permafrost thaw, increased storm intensity, and sea ice loss—on these processes.
3. Associated NPC File No: 149466; 149748; 150060, 150279; Related NIRB File No: 21YN021
4. Location: Kitikmeot Region; [Hamlet of Kugluktuk] and North Baffin [Hamlet of Grise Fiord]

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. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal, and conformity determinations were issued on February 12, 2021, April 7, 2022, March 27, 2023, and March 11, 2024, which still apply. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 21YN021). It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the currently proposed activities does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150719>

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 (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SA', with a horizontal line extending from the 'A'.

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