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NPC File No.151002

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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), and Amanda Savoie:

RE: NPC File # 151002 [Arctic kelp forests and seaweed biodiversity in Cambridge Bay]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Marine-based Scientific Research
2. **Project summary description:** This project will conduct field work to map and monitor seaweed and kelp forests around Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, and assess associated invertebrate and fish communities. The team will survey subtidal sites, collect specimens, and run video/quadrat biodiversity surveys to establish baseline data for tracking climate-change impacts.
3. **Location:** Kitikmeot Region; [marine areas around the community of Cambridge Bay].

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 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.

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=151002>

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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature consisting of the letters 'S' and 'A' in blue ink. The 'S' is on the left and the 'A' is on the right, with a horizontal line extending from the top of the 'A' across the 'S'.

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