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NPC File No.151101

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

RE: NPC File # 151101 [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 conduct video/quadrate biodiversity surveys to establish baseline data for tracking climate change impacts.
3. **Summary of modifications:** Installation of small data loggers in kelp forest habitats to record salinity, temperature, light, nutrients, pigments, pH, and dissolved oxygen across seasons.
4. **Associated NPC File No.:** 151002; Associated NIRB File No.: N/A
5. **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 Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the installation of small data loggers in kelp forest habitats.

The above-noted project proposal requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the *Nunavut Agreement* as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original proposal, and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project. By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151101>

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,

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Jurisdictional Note:

This conformity determination applies only to the components of the proposed project located within the Nunavut Settlement Area and under the Nunavut Planning Commission's statutory jurisdiction as defined in the Nunavut Agreement and the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA). Activities outside the NPC's jurisdiction remain subject to the review and regulatory processes of the relevant authorities. Proponents are responsible for identifying, contacting, and obtaining all required approvals from the appropriate regulators in every applicable jurisdiction to ensure compliance with all legislation, policies, and licensing requirements.