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My name is Julia Baak and I am a Conservation Biologist with Canadian Wildlife Service, based in Iqaluit, Nunavut. I am reaching out to inquire about whether I need a permit for proposed research in Frobisher Bay. I am reaching out because, through our NPC application, it was flagged that we may need a research license through NRI because we may fall under the “Natural/Physical Sciences” category.

The comment from NPC was:

“Good day, have you made contact with the Nunavut Research Institute to verify if a licence is required for some of the activities listed? more specifically the surveys that may include plastic pollution and environmental data. Please advise.”

The surveys that this comment is referring to is our Eastern Canada Seabirds at Sea (ECSAS) surveys, where we count birds from a boat as we travel in the bay. During these surveys, we also record weather information and information on plastic pollution (if we observe it, which is rare), which is why the person commenting is asking if we need a license from NRI. I attach our full project outline for more information.

We have been doing this project in Frobisher Bay and other regions for a few years now (with NPC approval each year), but this was not flagged to us before. We’d be happy to submit an application if this is now required.

Thank you and have a great Friday!

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