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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Natalie D'Souza, Lisa Pirie, Jared Ottenhof, and Julia Baak:

RE: NPC File No. 151115 [Marine Habitat Use of Black Guillemots at Pitsiulaaqsi and Eastern Canada Seabirds at Sea (ECSAS) Surveys]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Scientific Research
2. **Project summary description:** Black guillemots (*Cepphus grylle*) are a widespread Arctic seabird, ranging from the Atlantic to the High Arctic in Canada. Importantly, Canada supports an estimated 440,000 individuals (approximately 58% of the global population), placing a high degree of responsibility on Canada to monitor and conserve this species. This project aims at deploying GPS transmitters on 30 Black Guillemots to quantify fine-scale foraging movements during the breeding season. Additionally, surveys will be performed to identify important marine areas for protection and understand the potential consequences of climate change and other threats on Arctic marine bird populations.
3. **Location:** Qikiqtani Region [Pitsiulaaqsi]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the 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 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=151115> .

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) 979-3444.

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.