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Re: Comment Request for Potential 12.4.3 Exemption to Carleton University's "Community-Based Monitoring of Sea Ice and Eider Duck Populations around the Belcher Islands, Nunavut"

Ms. Gillard,

On December 2, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the potential exemption under Section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement for Carleton University with the Canadian Wildlife Service's "Community-Based Monitoring of Sea Ice and Eider Duck Populations around the Belcher Islands, Nunavut" project proposal. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments, and, following a review within our mandate, offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Whether the inclusion of the additionally proposed component(s) and/or activity(ies) would significantly modify the project;

The additionally proposed components and activities do not seem to significantly modify the project scope nor are they likely to introduce significant impacts.

Any additional mitigation measures that are appropriate;

Since the nature of the proposed works and the potential ecosystemic, socio-economic, and cultural impacts have not changed, AANDC feels that the terms and conditions currently in place are adequate to mitigate any potential impacts of this project and can suggest no additional mitigation measures at this time.



Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal:

AANDC does not have any additional comments regarding the proposed amendment activities.

AANDC looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout the regulatory process related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Laura Harris at (867) 975-4567 or by e-mail at laura.harris@aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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