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Dear Ms. Pirie-Dominix, Ms. Piugattuk, Ms. Orman, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. McCaie, Ms. Ohokannoak, Ms. Kellett:

RE: NPC File # 148457 Arctic Ecosystem Research in Queen Maud Gulf Migratory Bird Sanctuary

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

1. Scientific Research: Continue conducting research on the population ecology of arctic-nesting waterfowl in the Queen Maud Migratory Bird Sanctuary, specifically on Lesser Snow, Ross's, Greater White-Fronted, Cackling Geese, King Eiders, and Long-Tailed Ducks.
2. Permanent Structures: Utilize existing cabins for shelter (Perry River Cabin, Karrak Lake Cabin, and North Cabin)
3. Associated NPC File No. 148205: Arctic Ecosystem Research in Queen Maud Gulf Migratory Bird Sanctuary

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, and the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 05AN018). This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NUPPAA) under section 235 of that Act. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was part of the original proposal and its inclusion is not a significant modification of the project.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:

<http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148457&sessionid=>

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) 983-4634.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alana Vigna', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alana Vigna
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