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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Cote, Dr. Williams:

**RE: NPC File # 148583 Kitikmeot Region Marine Science Study**

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

1. Scientific Research: Gather baseline oceanographic data and recover/deploy subsurface oceanographic moorings. Measurements will be made using:
  - a. Electronic sensors;
  - b. Low power acoustics;
  - c. Hydrophones;
  - d. Water samples for ocean geochemistry, primary production, dissolved nutrients, salinity, dissolved inorganic carbon, dissolved organic matter and stable isotopes;
  - e. Bottom grab and box core to collect sample of benthic organisms;
  - f. Fine mesh net to collect zooplankton samples;
  - g. Small GPS surface drifters to measure surface currents; and
  - h. 16ft skiff.
2. Location: Kitikmeot Region; between Dolphin and Union Strait in the west and Bellot Strait in the north and east.

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.

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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:

<http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148583&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', followed by a horizontal flourish.

Alana Vigna  
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