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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Cote, Mr. Clark, Dr. Juniper:

RE: [REVISED DECISION] NPC File # 148644 Enhancing Capacity for Northern-led Monitoring of Snow, Ice, and Ocean Conditions

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

1. Scientific Research: Increase northern capacity and participation in collection, analysis, and use of scientific data and to understand connection to local and Indigenous Knowledge. This objective will be achieved through the following five goals:
 - a. Development and implementation of a course in Instrument Technology in the Environmental Technology Program (ETP) offered through Nunavut Arctic College (NAC). One topic in the course will cover direct training in data collection methods for the Canadian Rangers Ocean Watch (CROW) program (See C).
 - b. Development of direct data acquisition and archival capability in the Ocean Networks Canada (ONC) Oceans 2.0 data management system for the CROW program in partnership with Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).
 - c. Implementation of community-based monitoring programs for water properties (CROW), snow depth, and ice thickness linked with local observations and Indigenous Knowledge in the communities of Kugluktuk, Gjoa Haven, and Cambridge Bay (building on the existing Safe Passage (ONC/POLAR) and CROW (DFO/DND) programs).
 - d. Extension of the Ocean Sense: Local Observations, Global Connections high school education program (currently active in Cambridge Bay, supported by ONC) to Kugluktuk and Gjoa Haven, including involving students in data collection. Local engagement will be supported through a Youth Science Ambassador who will act as a mentor and coordinator for youth involved in the project.

- e. Design and implementation of community-oriented data products that address local priorities and requirements for dissemination of water, snow, and ice data. All data will be freely available through Oceans 2.0, Ocean Data View, and Polar Data Catalogue.
2. Associated NPC File#: 148392 – Canadian Ranger Ocean Watch (NIRB File#: 14YN001); 148440 – Cambridge Bay Ocean Observatory (NIRB File#: 12YN034)
3. Location: Kitikmeot Region; Kugluktuk, Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven and surrounding areas

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

On November 29, 2017, the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) determined that this project proposal required screening and was forwarded to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for review. Since that decision, the NPC received a letter from the NIRB on December 5, 2017 determining that the project proposal and associated activities did not include any new physical works or activities nor any other significant modifications to the scope of the project as previously screened (NIRB File No. 14YN001). The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut 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, and the NPC retracts its November 29, 2017 decision.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan and the NIRB previously screened the works and activities associated with the current proposal (NIRB FILE NO. 14YN001). The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination 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=148644&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,



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