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RE: NIRB File # 16DN063: Department of National Defence's "Operation NUNALIVUT 2018" project proposal

Dear Mia Otokiak

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Department of National Defence's project proposal. Parks Canada's comments relate to the project component taking place near Resolute Bay.

Although the project description concentrates on activities associated with a sea ice platform, the boundaries for project activities include part of Qausuittuq National Park on northern Bathurst Island. As yet Parks Canada has not received a request for permission to enter the park. To avoid the possibility of an inadvertent violation of the Canada National Act, a park map and legal boundary description are included as Appendix 1.

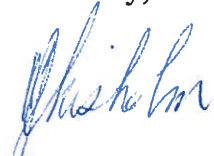
The following conditions would apply to activities in the national park.

- Anyone wishing to conduct activities within and/or to travel through the park, requires permission from Parks Canada. The Park Manager (jovan.simic@pc.gc.ca) or Parks Site Superintendent (andrew.maher@pc.gc.ca) should be contacted well in advance of proposed activities for permitting information.

- Aircraft should maintain a normal flying altitude of 610 m when in the air space over the park.
- Do not circle, chase, hover over, pursue or in any other way harass wildlife. Do not alter the flight path to approach wildlife, and avoid flying directly over animals.
- Avoid congregations of animals.
- No fuel caches or landings will be permitted inside the park boundaries without prior approval.
- Any spills or accidents involving watercourses flowing into Qausuittuq National Park should be reported to the Park Manager as soon as possible (867-975-4685).

If you have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

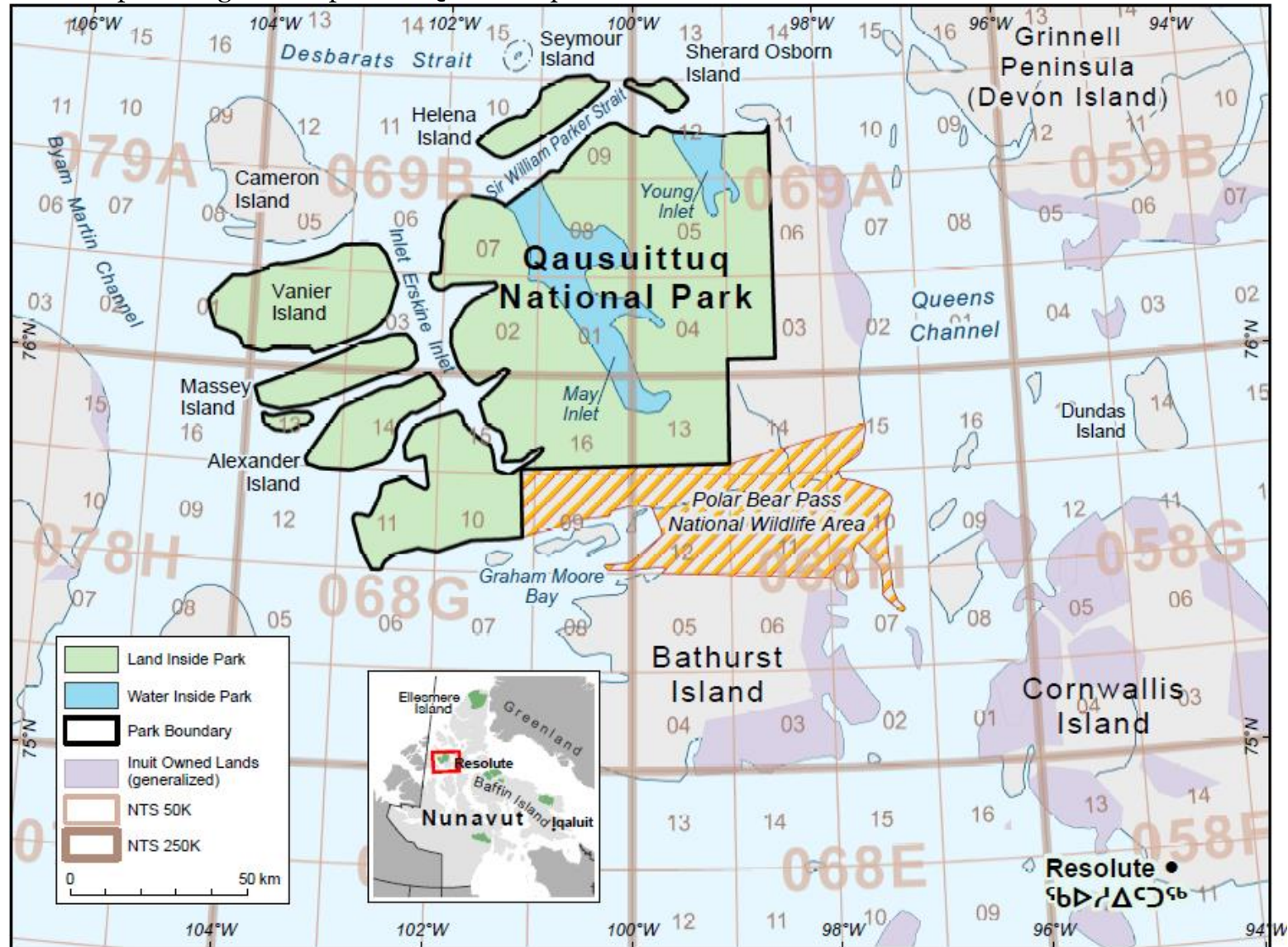
Sincerely,



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Appendix 1: Map and Legal description of Qausuittuq National Park



Legal description of Qausuittuq National Park from: *Canada National Parks Act*

In Nunavut, all those lands situated on the northerly portion of Bathurst Island, adjacent to Polar Bear Pass National Wildlife Area, certain islands westerly of the northerly portion of Bathurst Island and all offshore islands in the Berkeley Group, more particularly described with reference to the following maps, produced at a scale of 1:250,000 by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, and the Army Survey Establishment, R.C.E. :

68G, Edition 1, 1981 (Graham Moore Bay)

68H, Edition 3, 1994 (McDougall Sound)

69A, Edition 2, 1995 (Penny Strait)

69B, Edition 2, 1982 (Helena Island)

79A, Edition 2, 1982 (Domett Point)

78H, Edition 3, 1990 (Byam Channel)

All coordinates are referred to the 1983 North American Datum (NAD83) and any references to straight lines mean points joined directly on NAD83 Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection plane surface.

Commencing at the northwest corner of Polar Bear Pass National Wildlife Area (SOR/86-985, 18 September, 1986);

Thence southerly along the western boundary of Polar Bear Pass National Wildlife Area to the intersection of said boundary with the low water line of Bracebridge Inlet;

Thence westerly, northeasterly and southeasterly following the indentations along the low water line of Graham Moore Bay, Pell Inlet and Erskine Inlet (including islands at low water within three kilometres) to a point being at approximate latitude 75°45'07" N and longitude 101°14'57" W;

Thence northwesterly and southeasterly following the indentations of the low water line of Erskine Inlet to a point on Oliver Harbour being at 76°25'44" N and approximate longitude 101°22'36" W;

Thence northeasterly, in a straight line, across May Inlet to the low water line of Sir William Parker Strait, near Francis Herbert Point, being at latitude 76°30'02" N and approximate longitude 100°59'21" W;

Thence northeasterly and southeasterly following the indentations of the low water line of Sir William Parker Strait to a point near Cape Mary being at latitude 76°37'25" N and approximate longitude 99°33'26" W;

Thence southeasterly, in a straight line, across Young Inlet to the low water line of Cracroft Sound, near Cape Sophia, being at latitude 76°36'35" N and approximate longitude 98°59'58" W;

Thence easterly following the indentations of the low water line of Cracroft Sound to a point being at approximate latitude 76°36'52" N and longitude 98°45'39" W;

Thence easterly, in a straight line, across an unnamed inlet to the low water line of Cracroft Sound to a point being at approximate latitude 76°36'55" N and longitude 98°43'52" W;

Thence easterly following the indentations of the low water line of Cracroft Sound to a point being at approximate latitude 76°36'57" N and longitude 98°36'56" W;

Thence easterly, in a straight line, across an unnamed inlet to the low water line of Cracroft Sound to a point being at approximate latitude 76°37'01" N and longitude 98°35'40" W;

Thence easterly and northeasterly following the indentations of the low water line of Cracroft Sound to a point being at approximate latitude 76°37'57" N and longitude 98°30'00" W;

Thence south, in a straight line, to a point being at latitude 76°02'30" N and longitude 98°30'00" W;

Thence west, in a straight line, to a point being at latitude 76°02'30" N and longitude 99°00'00" W;

Thence south, in a straight line, to the intersection of the northerly boundary of Polar Bear Pass National Wildlife Area being at approximate latitude 75°46'35" N and longitude 99°00'00" W;

Thence westerly along said boundary to the point of commencement;

Including, for greater certainty, all islands at low water within Sir William Parker Strait and Cracroft Sound;

Including all islands at low water within the Berkeley Group including, for greater certainty, the Hosken Islands, Helena, Sherard Osborn, Harwood, Allard and Ricards Islands;

Including Ile Vanier, Ile Pauline, Massey Island, Ile Marc, Alexander Island and all islands at low water within three kilometres of the low water line of these islands;

Including all islands at low water within Erskine Inlet;

And containing approximately 11 008 square kilometres.

Including all mines and minerals, including hydrocarbons, whether solid, liquid or gaseous, and rights to work the same.

Including any substances or material that may be disposed of pursuant to the Territorial Quarrying Regulations.