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Dear Mr. Cote, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. McCaie, Ms. Ohokannoak, and Dr. Lamoureux :

RE: NPC File # 148705- Cape Bounty Arctic Watershed Observatory

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

1. Scientific Research: Research is carried out to investigate land and water responses to environmental change, including streams, rivers and lakes. Renewal of NRI license (02 001 17R-M) and NWB license (8wLC-CBA1718)
2. Modifications to the original/amended project proposal: Minor change to slightly reduce the overall area of the project.
3. Associated NPC File No: 148246 and 148366 [Cape Bounty Arctic Watershed Observatory (CBAWO)]; NIRB File # 03YN010.
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; High Arctic.

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

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The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal conformity determination was issued on February 3, 2003, in July 2011, on March 18, 2016 and most recently October 27, 2016 which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 03YN010). It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

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 because the NPC is of the understanding that the slight reduction of the project area 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 to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148705&sessionid=>

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Agreement to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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