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Dear Ms. Lear, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Cote, Ms. Bolt, Dr. Schaefer:

RE: NPC File # 149069 [Back for the future: Long-term observations of vegetation and snowcover in the High Arctic]

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

1. Research into snowpack and vegetation
2. Modifications to the original/amended project proposal:
 - a. - the number of personnel will be three (rather than two)
 - b. - the number of days on site will be 21 (rather than 14) — 15 days during August 2019, 6 days during April-May 2020
 - c. - the total number of person-days will be 63.
3. Associated NPC File No: 148831 Back for the future: Long-term observations of vegetation and snowcover in the High Arctic
4. Location: Kitikmeot Region; near Cambridge Bay

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 completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal including research into snowpack and vegetation and a determination was issued on Apr 13 2018 (NPC file 148831) that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 18YN025).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the addition of a small number of workers 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 are available at the following address:

<http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149069&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) 857-2242.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Scholz', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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