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From: Erin Reimer
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Cc: Info
Subject: RE: NIRB 19YN024/125467 Additional Information Requested for "Eyes Above and Ears Below: Combining Technologies to Understand Killer Whale Vocal Behaviour, Group Composition and Distribution in the Arctic"

Good Morning Valeria,

Thank you, we will wait to hear your response regarding the location of the temporary camp before proceeding with screening of your file. Your online application will be returned to you so that you can update when you receive the required information. It may be necessary to revise your non-technical summary (including translated versions) to include the more specific camp location.

Regards,

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Hi Erin,

Thanks for the quick response to our application! So in response to your questions:

- 1) The temporary camp will be established after the community consultation next week, depending on recommendations and ideas from local folk (I am flying to Pond Inlet the day after tomorrow for this).
- 2) We indicated a large polygon area on the map to account for searching for KW from a boat, but we are aware of sensitive areas. We will not be flying the drone at the bird sanctuary or at Sirmilik National Park. A flight path is very difficult to provide, as we only fly the drone if and when we locate killer whales. Our flights are very short (10 minutes max) and the drone stays positioned above the killer whale pod.

I hope this answers your questions! I can provide more details when I get back from Pond next week (June 6th).

Regards,
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Good Afternoon Valeria,

Thank you for completing your online application. I am the technical advisor at the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) that has been assigned to your file. In reviewing your application, it is noted there is some additional clarification needed regarding your proposed project activities, in order to support the screening of your file.

- 1) Please indicate on the project map the location of the temporary camp(s) that would be established for the project duration (including coordinates in latitude/longitude).
- 2) You have indicated that drone operation (UAV) is a primary component of your research activities. The polygon outlined on the project map envelopes sensitive areas that would likely require authorizations from the applicable authorities including Sirmilik National Park (Parks Canada) and the Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Canadian Wildlife Service). Please confirm the approximate location of the drone survey and indicate if you would be operating within or near the boundaries of these areas. If possible, please provide a flight path for the drone. If you are planning to conduct research activities within these areas, applications would need to be submitted to the applicable authorities and indicated under "Project Authorizations" in your online application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require additional clarification regarding the NIRB's screening of your application, please do not hesitate to contact me directly via email.

Sincerely,

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