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Dr. Valeria Vergara
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Sent via email: valeria.vergara@ocean.org

Re: Suspension of Assessment Activities for Ocean Wise Conservation Association's "Eyes Above and Ears Below: Combining Technologies to Understand Killer Whale Vocal Behaviour, Group Composition and Distribution in the Arctic" Project Proposal, Pursuant to NuPPAA Subsection 143(2)

Dear Valeria Vergara

On August 7, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the enclosed correspondence from Ocean Wise Conservation Association (Ocean Wise) in which a request has been made for the suspension of the NIRB's assessment of the "Eyes Above and Ears Below: Combining Technologies to Understand Killer Whale Vocal Behaviour, Group Composition and Distribution in the Arctic" project proposal, NIRB File No.: 19YN024. Having taken into consideration the Proponent's comments in respect of the requested suspension, pursuant to s. 143(2) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*) the Board is hereby suspending the assessment of the "Eyes Above and Ears Below: Combining Technologies to Understand Killer Whale Vocal Behaviour, Group Composition and Distribution in the Arctic" project proposal as requested, effective **August 9, 2019**.

Should the Proponent wish to resume the assessment in the future, a written request must be filed directly with the NIRB; please note that if such a written request has not been filed within three years of the suspension date (August 9, 2022), the assessment of the project will be terminated as per s. 143(4) of the *NuPPAA*.

Should you have any questions regarding the suspension of this assessment or the information required to support screening of this project proposal in the future, please contact the NIRB's Technical Advisor I, Erin Reimer, directly at (867) 857-4566 or at ereimer@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., Minister of Environment and Climate Change
The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast
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Enclosure (1): Proponent Suspension Request (August 7, 2019)