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Dear Ms. Maksagak, Mr. Cote, Ms. D'Amours-Gauthier and Mr. Fisher:

RE: NPC File # 149181 [Testing an industrial vessel of opportunity model for ship-time access to survey Canadian Arctic gateway ecosystems using baited remote underwater video]

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

1. Scientific Research: Project involve repeatedly deployment of a baited underwater camera lander (SubC camera) throughout Eclipse Sound in summer 2019 aboard the *MSV Botnica*. Deployments and retrievals of video landers at locations targeting 100 m – 1000 m depths and deployment durations of ~12 hours would be at the discretion of the *MSV Botnica's* Master and co-ordinated with spatial information on bottom complexity from project co-investigator from Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Co-investigators from the University of Windsor have provided a Vemco acoustic receiver for attachment to the video lander to detect acoustically tagged fishes
2. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Eclipse Sound, Near Pond Inlet]

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. 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. The project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149181&sessionid=>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination 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. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Goump Djalogue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Goump" and last name "Djalogue" clearly distinguishable.

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