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Dear Mr. Cote, Mr. Charge, Ms. Maksagak, and Ms. Trenholm:

RE: NPC File # 149317 [Croker Bay Study and NW Passage Transit to Gjoa Haven]

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

1. Marine Based Scientific Research: Renewal to further investigation of current influence on the Devon Ice Cap glaciers. The research group intends to conduct oceanographic surveys to better understand the ice and ocean physical and environmental conditions in Croker Bay and the Northwest Passage. The project site would also include a stop at one of the fjord in the project map section west of Croker Bay in a land retreated glacier fjord to compare measurements with that of the ocean terminating glacial fjord. The boat is an American 53 feet expedition yacht, the S/V Delos.
2. Summary of Modifications: Addition of a stop around Burnett inlet, Powell Inlet and Cumming inlet to compare measurements with that of the ocean terminating glacial fjord
3. Associated NPC File No: 148838; Associated NIRB File No: 18YN040.
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region (North Baffin); [Croker Bay and Northwest Passage Transit]

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 proposal and conformity determination issued on June 19, 2018, which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including oceanographic surveys in Croker Bay and the Northwest Passage (NIRB FILE NO.: 18YN040).

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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 above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of a stop around Burnett inlet, Powell Inlet and Cumming inlet 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:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149317&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'.

Goump Djalogue
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