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Dear Ms. Maksagak, Mr. Pirie-Dominix, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Ottenhof, and Ms. Hennin:

**RE: NPC File # 149308 [Coastal Surveys of Common Eider Nesting Islands in the Belcher Island Archipelago, Nunavut]**

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

1. Scientific Research: Population surveys for common eiders on Belcher Island Archipelago in order to determine the changes in colony distributions and sizes. This information will also be helpful in informing the planning of a desired Marine Protected Area within the Belcher Islands and Sleeper Islands Archipelago.

2. Associated NPC FILE No: 148225 and 148512; Associated NIRB FILE No: 06AN026.
3. Summary of modification: New locations on Belcher/Sleeper Islands.
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region (South Baffin); [Belcher Islands, within the community boundaries of Sanikiluaq]

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 determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) previously screened the works and activities associated with the current proposal, including boat-based surveys of Common Eider along the coastline near Cape Dorset (NIRB FILE NO. 06AN026).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the new locations on the Belcher/Sleeper Islands.

The above-noted project proposal requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original or previously amended proposal and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project. By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149308&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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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