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Dear Tracey McCaie, Mosha Cote, Veronique D'Amours-Gauthier, Carson Gillis, Talia Maksagak, Geoff Clark, and Jane Eert:

**RE: NPC File # 149456 [Canadian Ranger Ocean Watch (CROW)]**

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

1. Scientific research and Marine-Based Activities:

As part of their regular activities, Canadian Rangers will observe the following:

- a. Measurements using an ice auger:
  - i. Snow and ice thickness
  - ii. Snow/ice interface temperature
  - iii. Sea water temperature, salinity, chlorophyll content, and dissolved oxygen

- b. Use of an internally recording Conductivity, Temperature, and Depth instrument with dissolved oxygen and chlorophyll sensors through the ice to the sea floor via a hand cranked winch
  - c. Collection of small volumes of seawater for analysis to determine chemical properties such as dissolved inorganic carbon and pH
  - d. Use of a small net to collect plankton samples (volumes of ~250mL)
  - e. Deployment of free-floating ice buoys to calculate the strength of the ice and help predict ice break up
2. Related NPC FILE No: 148392; Related NIRB FILE No. 14YN001
  3. Location: Kitikmeot (near the communities of Kugluktuk, Cambridge Bay, Taloyoak, and Gjoa Haven)

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. NPC has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC on December 2, 2016. In addition, the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE No. 14YN001). The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it 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 are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149456&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) 949-3444.

Sincerely,



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