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Re: Commission Referral for Screening Required for Environment and Climate Change Canada's "Contaminants in Seabirds in the Baffin Bay – Davis Strait Region" Project Proposal

Dear Jennifer Provencher:

Please be advised that the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received information in support of Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) "Contaminants in Seabirds in the Baffin Bay – Davis Strait Region" project proposal on February 10, 2021. The project proposal submission included the following documents:

- *NPC Permit Application*
- *NIRB Application in English, Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun, and French*

The *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*) requires that a proponent of a project (to be carried out, in whole or in part, in the designated area) submit a proposal to the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission) for review. The NIRB is unable to commence screening of a project proposal until it is sent to the NIRB directly by the Commission. For further information on submitting your proposal to the Commission for review, please contact the Commission directly:

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Upon receipt of a project proposal from the Commission, the NIRB will commence screening in accordance with Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. At the conclusion of the screening process, the Board will issue its Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s) with jurisdictional responsibility for authorizing a project to proceed pursuant to s. 92(1) of the *NuPPAA*.

The NIRB must submit its screening decision report within 45 days of receiving a project proposal from the Commission or, where there is a legal requirement for a regulatory authority to make a decision within a shorter timeframe, within a time period that would allow that requirement to be met. Please be advised that it is the Proponent's responsibility to identify and apply for all permits, licences, authorizations, or approvals required to carry out the proposed works or activities that comprise a project proposal.

Upon receipt of the project proposal from the Commission, the NIRB will undertake a preliminary check of the information provided to ensure its completeness for screening. While the NIRB may request additional information at any point during the screening process, to ensure your project proposal contains the required information it is recommended that the following accompany your project proposal:

- *NIRB's Online Application Form*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut*
- *Maps and Figures*

The information as noted above should be submitted through the NIRB's online public registry at <http://www.nirb.ca>. For additional instructions regarding the new project application portal, please contact NIRB administration at info@nirb.ca or at 1-866-233-3033.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4605 or info@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Cassel Kapolak
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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
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