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Dear Talia Maksagak, Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Amy Robinson, Lisa Pirie-Dominix, Jared Ottenhof, and Holly Hennin:

**RE: NPC File # 149478 [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 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.

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2. Modifications to the original/amended project proposal: Permit renewal. Field work was not undertaken due to COVID-19.
3. Associated NPC File No: 148225, 148512 and 149308; Associated NIRB FILE No: 06AN026.
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 completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal and a determination was issued on March 5, 2020 (NPC file 149308) that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 06AN026).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the proposed modifications (i.e., extending project end date) do not change the general scope of the original or previously amended 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=149478&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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