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Dear Ms. D'Amours-Gauthier, Mr. Ottenhof, Ms. Maksagak, and Ms. Jawanda:

RE: NPC File No: 149510 [Qikiqtaaluk Inshore Fisheries Research]

- Related NPC FILE No: 149369; Related NIRB FILE No. 20YN019.
- Location: Qikiqtani Region; Qikiqtani Region; [various locations in South Baffin; around the communities of Sanikiluaq, Cape Dorset, Hall Beach, and Igloodik]

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

1. Marine Based activities: Multi-year study program to determine the recreational/ subsistence and commercial fishery potential of benthic marine resources, specifically invertebrates (e.g., various species of shrimp, sea cucumbers, sea urchins, scallops, clams, and whelk). Activities such as use multibeam echosounder (MBES) surveys and physical sampling, geo-referenced depth stratified underwater video survey of animals living on or near the seabed and their preferred bio-physical habitats etc. will be conducted.

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 June 30, 2020. *However, on August 28, 2020 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) suspended assessment activities for the screening of the project proposal (NIRB*

FILE No. 20YN019) until additional information requested from the proponent is received. The project proposal requires screening by the NIRB because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149510&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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Goump Djalogue". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

Goump Djalogue
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Nunavut Planning Commission