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Dear Mr. Morrison, Ms. Chisholm, Mr. Ottenhof, Mr. Pirie-Dominix, Ms. Robinson, and Mr. Nakashuk:

RE: NPC File # 149488 [Northern Fulmar and Thick-billed Murre surveys and collections]

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

1. To survey Northern Fulmar (NOFU) nesting colonies in the Lancaster Sound region, at Prince Leopold Island (PLI), Cape Liddon (Devon Island), Hobhouse Inlet (Devon Island), Cape Vera (Devon Island), Baillarge Bay (Baffin Island), and Princess Charlotte Monument.
2. Installation of an Automatic Identification System (AIS) at Prince Leopold Island (PLI) cabin site.
3. Associated NPC File Nos: 148645, 148757, 148765; 149078, 149284; Associated NIRB File Nos: 06YN015 and 06YN024
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Lancaster Sound region, at Prince Leopold Island (PLI), Cape Liddon (Devon Island), Hobhouse Inlet (Devon Island), Cape Vera (Devon Island), Baillarge Bay (Baffin Island), and Princess Charlotte Monument.

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 proposal (conformity determination issued on April 20, 2006, on April 30, 2012, on April 1, 2015, on March 13, 2018, and on May 28, 2019, February 11, 2020, which still applies). In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB), including the survey of birds and collection of birds' eggs for contaminants level study (NIRB File Nos.: 06YN015 and 06YN024).. It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the installation of an Automatic Identification System (AIS) at Prince Leopold Island (PLI) cabin site 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149488&sessionid=>

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Agreement to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 983-4625.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SA' with a horizontal line through the middle.

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