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Dear Ms. Maksagak, Ms. Pirie-Dominix, Ms. McCaie, Ms. LeBlanc-Havard, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Clark, Mr. Kellett:

**RE: NPC File No: 149663 [Arctic Ecosystem Research in Queen Maud Gulf Migratory Bird Sanctuary]**

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

1. Scientific Research: Continue conducting research on the population ecology of arctic-nesting waterfowl in the Queen Maud Migratory Bird Sanctuary, specifically on Lesser Snow, Ross's, Greater White-Fronted, Cackling Geese, King Eiders, and Long-Tailed Ducks.
2. Conduct similar research on arctic fox and small rodents (lemmings), less-intensive studies on waterbirds such as Herring and Glaucous Gulls, Arctic Terns, and Red-throated Loons, and record observational data of grizzly bears, wolverines, and wolves.

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3. Permanent Structures: Utilize existing cabins for shelter (Perry River Cabin, Karrak Lake Cabin, and North Cabin)
4. Related NPC File No: 148205, 148457, 149139; NIRB File No: 05AN018.
5. Location: Kitikmeot Region; [Queen Maud Gulf Sanctuary Area]

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 activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and a conformity determination was issued on March 6, 2015, February 27, 2017 (NPC File No # 148457) and April 23, 2019 (NPC File No #149139) which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 05AN018).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the currently proposed activities does 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149663&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) 983-4982.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S.A.' with a stylized flourish.

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