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RE: NPC File # 149783 [Past climate reconstruction using annually layered carbonate buildups on the Nunavut shallow seafloor]

1. **Marine Based Research Activities:** Collection of carbonate mounds using SCUBA at water-depth of 15-20 meters at various locations along Southeast Ellesmere Island. Mounds are generally 3-8 centimeters in diameter, up to 3 centimeters high, and can be removed from rocky seafloor using a small hammer and chisel. Up to 20 mounds will be collected at each site and be taken to laboratory to be analyzed.
2. **Modifications to the original/amended project proposal:** Slight change of the algal sampling locations.
3. **Associated NPC File No:** 48292, 149175, 149389, and 149520.
4. **Associated NIRB FILE No:** 16YN043.
5. Qikigtaaluk; [southeast coast of Ellesmere Island]

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—last conformity determination issued April 13, 2021, which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact

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Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 16YN043). 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 slight change in the project location 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=149783&sessionid=>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination 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. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Goump Djalogue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Goump" and last name "Djalogue" clearly distinguishable.

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