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Dear Ms. Maksagak, Mr. Cote, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Clark, Mr. Schaefer:

RE: NPC File # 149814 [Back for the future: Long-term observations of vegetation and snowcover in the High Arctic]

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

1. Continue research into snowpack and vegetation.
2. Modifications to the original/amended project proposal:
 - The proponent is proposing a change in the start and end date of the fieldwork (delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic) to 12-18 August 2022
 - A shift in the location of the field camp to the north (rather than south) side of the Ekalluk River, approximately 2 km north
3. Associated NPC File Nos: 148831; 149069 Related NIRB File No: 18YN025
4. Location: Kitikmeot Region; [Cambridge Bay]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The 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 decision was issued on April 13, 2018, and March 18, 2019 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.: 18YN025).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the slight change of the location of the field camp 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 are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149814&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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

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

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