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Re: NIRB Determination that Activities for the Torngat Wildlife, Plants and Fisheries Secretariat's "Getting to know little geese" Project Proposal, are exempt from NIRB screening pursuant to NuPPAA s. 78(2)

Dear Meredith Purcell:

On July 20, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen the Torngat Wildlife, Plants and Fisheries Secretariat's (Torngat Secretariat) "Getting to know little geese" project proposal (the Proposal) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (the Commission).

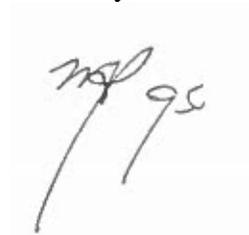
Following submission of the complete application to the NIRB on July 25, 2022, it was determined that the Torngat Secretariat had been issued a Wildlife Research Permit (WL 2021-043) on May 28, 2021 and valid until October 14, 2024 which encompasses the activities in the Proposal. Upon inquiry with the Nunavut Research Institute (NRI), it was confirmed that the issuance of a Wildlife Research Permit by the Government of Nunavut Department of Environment would not require additional permitting by NRI for the same activities. Further, it was determined that none of the activities in the proposed project would require any authorization other than the Wildlife Research Permit issued by the Government of Nunavut.

Therefore, the NIRB has confirmed, on the basis of consultation with the relevant regulators, that the rationale for the referral of the Proposal to the NIRB for assessment, specifically the assumption that the Proposal would also require NRI to issue a *Scientific Research License* is incorrect. As the proposed activities are permitted under a Wildlife Research Permit alone, they are exempt from assessment by the NIRB as per Schedule 12-1(7) of the *Nunavut Agreement* and Schedule 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*. The NIRB is therefore providing notice to the Proponent, the Commission, and regulators that because the activities are exempt from NIRB assessment under s. 78(2) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 the NIRB will not be conducting an assessment and is closing the file. This concludes the NIRB's correspondence on this matter.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125715.

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the exemption from NIRB screening of the "Getting to know little geese" project, please contact Tara Arko – Director, Technical Services at (867) 983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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