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Dear Mosha Cote, Richard Dwyer, Carson Gillis, Jared Ottenhof, Cassel Kapolak and Gifford Miller:

RE: NPC File # 149943 [Ancient DNA in lake sediment]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:
1. Scientific Research: analyze ancient DNA contained in lake sediment in order to reconstruct past vegetation changes on Baffin Island over the last ~10,000 years and assess how plant communities responded to past climate change.
2. Modifications to the original/amended project proposal: Unable to complete fieldwork in 2022. The amendment requests permission to sample lake sediment from a lake 1000 m asl about 35 km from the settlement of Pond Inlet.
3. Associated NPC File No.: 148222, 148582, 148671, 149020, 149241, and 149451.
4. Associated NIRB File No.: 16YN010
5. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Baffin Island, locations near Pond Inlet, Iqaluit, Clyde River and Qikiqtarjuaq]

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 on January 22, 2022), which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut

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Impact Review Board, (NIRB FILE NO.: 16YN010). 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 under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was part of the original proposal, and its inclusion is not a significant modification of the project.

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=19943&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,

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