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Dear Francis Emingak, Veronique D'Amours-Gauthier, Jane Chisholm, Carson Gillis, Lisa Pirie-Dominix, Jared Ottenhof, and Cortney Wheeler:

**RE: NPC File # 149949 [High Arctic Cetacean Survey 2023]**

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

1. Scientific Research: Cetacean Survey in the Canadian High Arctic.
  - a. Surveys will be flown in a DeHavilland Twin Otter (DH-6) equipped with bubble windows and an optical glass covered camera hatch at the rear.
  - b. Overlapping photographs will be taken along transect lines from an altitude of 610 m (2000 ft).
  - c. The survey will provide updated abundance estimates for all the Canadian Baffin Bay narwhal stocks, Cumberland Sound beluga whales, and Eastern Canada-West Greenland bowhead whales.
2. Location: Across Nunavut waters [Lancaster Sound, Gulf of Boothia, Jones Sound, Cumberland Sound, Peel Sound, North-Eastern Baffin Island marine areas]

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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. It conforms to both the Keewatin and North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP/NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP and C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149949&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', with a stylized, cursive script.

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