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Dear Mosha Cote, Richard Dwyer, Daniel Haney, Tracey McCaie, Francis Emingak, Carson Gillis, Jared Ottenhof and Sarah Rahmer:

RE: NPC File # 150057 [DRDC - Northern Watch Technology Demonstration Project (NWTD)]

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

1. Renewal of Multiyear DND research application with activities focused on surveillance in maritime Arctic locations.
2. Summary of Modifications: Proponent asked the following research trials to be removed from their application. The proponent submitted each of the trials as independent project proposals, and the NPC file number is indicated below:
 - a. Towed Reelable Active Passive Sonar (TRAPS) Trial (NPC File No.: 149987)
 - b. Arctic Acoustic Recorders (AAR) Trial (NPC File No.: 149994)
 - c. Marine Mammal Behavioural Response Study (BRS) Trial (NPC File No.: 150022)
3. Related NPC FILE No: 48552, 148823, 149525 and 149788.
4. Related NIRB FILE No. 08DN056.
5. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Around the communities of Resolute Bay (Perry Channel) and Pond Inlet (Eclipse Sound)].

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 activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, last conformity determination issued on July 13, 2022. This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 08DN056).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the removal of the three research trials 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=1450057&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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