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

**RE: NPC File # 149987 [DRDC Arctic Maritime Research Activities – Towed Reelable Active Passive Sonar (TRAPS) Trial]**

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

1. Scientific research to evaluate a type of sonar technology that could be embarked on the RCN Arctic Offshore Patrol vessels (Harry DeWolf-class)

2. Related NPC FILE No.: 148552, 148823, 149525, and 149788.
3. Related NIRB FILE No.: 08DN056 and 22DA050.
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; transboundary [Baffin Bay waters including the Outer Land Fast Ice Zone]

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. NPC has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC (most recently on July 13, 2022). In addition, the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE No. 08DN056 and 22DA050). The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it 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 are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149987&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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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