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Dear Veronique D'Amours-Gauthier, Tracey McCaie, Peter Unger, Richard Dwyer, Jared Ottenhof, Francis Emingak, and Victoria Coutts:

RE: NPC File No 150124 [Pond Inlet Marine Infrastructure]

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

1. Municipal marine infrastructure: Amendment of the Pond Inlet Marine Infrastructure project to complete additional construction works required due to deficiencies in dredge depths (over dredge and under dredge) that are not in accordance with the Project technical drawings and specifications, and which will impact the functionality of the Project if left uncorrected. Additional project activities include dredging the harbour to the required depth of -3.5 m Chart Datum (CD), as described in the original NIRB application. An estimated 16,000 m³ of sediment was detailed in the original application, where only 53% of that volume was dredged during construction (8,500 m³). In order to complete dredging to the required depth, an additional 5,000 m³ of material will need to be removed (30% of what was originally proposed). Even with the inclusion of the additional dredging required, the total dredge volume for the Project will still be less than what was presented in the original application (13,500 m³ total).

2. Modifications to the original/amended project proposal: Additional dredging to the required depth including removal of an additional 5,000 m3 of material.
3. Associated NPC File No: 148432, 149101, and 149507; Associated NIRB File No: 16YN046, and 17XN030
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Coast of Pond Inlet]

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 conformity determinations were issued on June 27, 2016, January 10, 2017, February 22, 2017, and May 14, 2019, and April 20, 2021, which still apply. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including the construction of two breakwaters, a fixed small craft wharf (fixed wharf), a boat launch ramp (existing), small craft floating docks, a sealift landing ramp, and a laydown area to be used for sealift storage, boat storage, and parking (NIRB FILE NO.: 16YN046, and 17XN030). 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 because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of additional dredging up to the required -3.5 m depth, 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=150124&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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