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Dear Ms. Kapolak, Mr. Cote, Ms. McCaie, Ms. Pilakapsi, Ms. Kuliktana, Mr. Ottenhof, and Valerie Wynja:

**RE: NPC File # 150247 [OPP 2.0 Baseline Shoreline Mapping 2024]**

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

1. Scientific Research: Continue the collection of baseline shoreline data for oil spill preparedness in priority areas in the Arctic. Works and activities involve low-altitude helicopter overflights at the study sites to capture geotagged video and photos of the shoreline characteristics and establish a shoreline database.

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2. Proposed modified activities include:
  - Perform mapping activities during several different periods in the summer (June-September) 2024 with a focus on the following:
    - mapping Southern Bathurst Inlet (based out of Cambridge Bay/Bathurst Inlet, NU - logistical support through the Polar Continental Shelf Program (PCSP))
    - mapping Frobisher Bay near Iqaluit (Iqaluit -based from a Canadian Coastguard vessel)
    - mapping Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet and part of Baker Lake (Rankin Inlet - based from a Canadian Coastguard vessel)
3. Related NPC File No: 149937; 150122 Related NIRB File No: 23YN025.
4. Location: Kitikmeot, Kivalliq and Qikiqtani Regions; [Cambridge Bay/Bathurst Inlet, Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet, Baker Lake, Frobisher Bay near Iqaluit]

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 determination issued May 9, 2023 and July 20, 2023). This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (*NIRB File No.: 23YN025*).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification because of the addition of new locations to the project. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal requires 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 not part of the original or previously amended proposal and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project.

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=150247&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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letters 'S' and 'A' connected by a horizontal line.

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