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Dear Mosha Cote, Jared Ottenhof, Cassel Kapolak, and Marc Bouchard:

**RE: NPC File # 150292 [DRDC - CCG Vessel Supported Trials (NWTD)]**

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

1. Canadian Coast Guard vessel-supported operations:
  - a. Recovery of Northern Watch Array
  - b. Seabed survey of Gascoyne Inlet for long-term arctic infrastructure monitoring
  - c. Sonobuoys deployment
  - d. Recovery of Oceans Network Canada ocean observatory
2. Summary of modification from previously approved activities:
  - a. Removal of Gascoyne Inlet camp activities (submitted as separate application, NPC File No. 150276)
  - b. Addition of the Recovery of Oceans Network Canada ocean observatory
3. Associated NPC File Nos.: 148552, 148823, 149525, 149788, and 150057
4. Associated NIRB File No.: 08DN056
5. Timing & Duration: 1 to 31 August 2024
6. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Gascoyne Inlet and Tallurutiup Imanga (Lancaster Sound), both in and out of the National Marine Conservation Area]

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, including the recovery of the Northern Watch Array, Seabed survey of Gascoyne Inlet, and Sonobuoys deployment (conformity determination issued April 20, 2023). 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 conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP) and 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 the recovery of the ocean observatory does not change the general scope of the 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 with this determination **to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent**. Project materials are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150272>.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Goump Djalogue', with a stylized, cursive script.

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