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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Mosha Cote, Jared Ottenhof, and Defence Construction Canada:

**RE: NPC File No. 150448 [DRDC - CCG Vessel Supported Trials (NWTD)]**

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

1. Marine-based scientific research: Canadian Coast Guard vessel-supported operations consisting of
  - 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
  - e. Slocum Glider Deployment
2. Summary of modification from previously approved activities:
  - a. Addition of Slocum Glider Deployment
3. Associated NPC File Nos.: 148552, 148823, 149525, 149788, 150057, and 150292
4. Associated NIRB File No.: 08DN056
5. Timing & Duration: 1 to 31 August 2024

Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Gascoyne Inlet and Tallurutiup Imanga (Lancaster Sound)]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal and a conformity determination was issued on 12 March 2024, which still applies. It remains in conformity with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP) and the proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendices C, H, and I of the NBRLUP. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including marine-based scientific research activities (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 inclusion of Slocum glider deployment 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 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/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150448>.

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, appearing to be the initials 'S.A.' with a horizontal line extending from the 'A'.

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