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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Cory Barker, Luis Manzo, Mosha Cote, Jared Ottenhof, and Jackie Dawson:

RE: NPC File # 151190 [Inuit Qaujisarnirmut Pilirijjutit on Arctic Shipping Risks in Inuit Nunangat]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Marine Scientific Research
2. **Project summary description:** This project combines ship-based and community-based sampling of air, water, and sediment to measure underwater noise, pollution, and risks of non-indigenous species. Activities include analyzing past and future ship traffic, modelling ship noise, collecting plastic and eDNA samples onboard vessels and along cruise routes, and Inuit-led sampling in Pond Inlet and Arviat to develop risk maps and evidence-based management recommendations.
3. **Summary of modifications:** The 2026 open-water field campaign will continue previous sampling activities along the Northwest Passage aboard Adventure Canada vessels, from Pond Inlet to Kugluktuk, with multiple stops. Methods remain unchanged, including sediment sampling for microplastics, water collection for eDNA, and shoreline macrodebris surveys. The project timeline has been extended to March 31, 2027 with updated personnel and field durations to reflect the additional sampling season.
4. **Associated NPC File Nos:** 150131, 150044; 150480; **NIRB File No.:** 23YN016
5. **Location:** Kitikmeot, Kivalliq and Qikiqtaaluk Regions; [Several areas across the three regions].

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, and the conformity determination was most recently issued on August 7, 2024, which still applies.

In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 23YN016). It conforms to the Keewatin/North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP/NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP, 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 continuation of the same research activities in the same areas 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/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151190>

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,



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Jurisdictional Note:

This conformity determination applies only to the components of the proposed project located within the Nunavut Settlement Area and under the Nunavut Planning Commission's statutory jurisdiction as defined in the Nunavut Agreement and the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA). Activities outside the NPC's jurisdiction remain subject to the review and regulatory processes of the relevant authorities. Proponents are responsible for identifying, contacting, and obtaining all required approvals from the appropriate regulators in every applicable jurisdiction to ensure compliance with all legislation, policies, and licensing requirements.