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Dear Mosha Cote, Richard Dwyer, Tracie McCaie, DFO, Christopher Gerlach, Jared Ottenhof, Calvin Ehaloak, and Patrick Sangster:

RE: NPC File # 151180 [DRDC - CCG/Commercial Vessel Supported Research Trials (NWTD)]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Scientific Research
2. **Project summary description:** Renewal of Multiyear DND research application with activities focused on surveillance in maritime Arctic locations. Activities supported by the Canadian Coast Guard and Commercial vessels.
3. **Summary of modifications:** This project is a renewal focused on continuing only Activities 1 and 3 associated with NPC File 150837; Activities 2, 4, and 5 are either complete or will not be repeated this year. The project

description has been updated to align with the Gascoyne Inlet Camp renewal application (NPC File # 151177). Personnel numbers have also been amended to match the maximum that may be present at the supporting camp at one time, excluding coast guard or merchant marine crew aboard ships.

4. **Associated NPC File No:** 148552, 148823, 149525, 149788, 150057, 150292, 150448, 150837; **Associated NIRB File No:** 08DN056.
5. **Location:** Qikiqtani Region; [in and around Gascoyne Inlet, Barrow Strait and Tallurutiup Imanga; approx. 95 Km east of Resolute Bay]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (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 conformity determinations issued (latest conformity determination issued on July 8, 2025), which still apply. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including the deployment of combinations of underwater and land-based sensor systems and the connection of submarine cables for effective surveillance of the High Arctic marine environment (NIRB File No.: 08DN056). It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendices 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 currently proposed activities 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=151180>

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.