



Calvin Ehaloak

A/Manager, Public Registry
Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB)
Cambridge Bay, Nunavut
By email: cehaloak@nirb.ca; info@nirb.ca;
kgillard@nirb.ca

Richard Dwyer

Manager, Licensing
Nunavut Water Board (NWB)
Gjoa Haven, Nunavut
By email: richard.dwyer@nwb-oen.ca;
licensing@nwb-oen.ca

Tracey McCaie

Manager, Land Administration
Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs
Canada (CIRNAC)
Iqaluit, Nunavut
By email: tracey.mccaie@canada.ca;
aadnc.landsmining.aandc@canada.ca; isa.qamanig-mason@canada.ca;
spencer.dewar@canada.ca;
jeff.hart@canada.ca; richard.bingley2@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca

Mosha Cote

Manager-Research Liaison
Nunavut Research Institute
Iqaluit, NU X0A 3H0
By email: mosha.cote@arcticcollege.ca

Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
Yellowknife, NT
By email: DFO.ARCEMTriage-TriageGEARC.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Christopher Gerlach

Manager, Tourism Development
Dept of Economic Dev. & Trans. (GN-EDT)
Iqaluit, Nunavut
By email: cgerlach@gov.nu.ca;
cruisenunavut@gov.nu.ca; tourism@gov.nu.ca;
dboyle@gov.nu.ca; rjnoseworthy1@gov.nu.ca

Jared Ottenhof

Director, Qikiqtani Nunalirijikkut (Lands and Resource
Management)
Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA)
Iqaluit, Nunavut
By email: jottenhof@qia.ca; akubeisinova@qia.ca;
jnakoolak@qia.ca; JSimic@qia.ca

Patrick Sangster

Defence Research & Development Canada Atlantic
Research Centre
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
By email: patrick.sangster2@forces.gc.ca

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

RE: NPC File # 151238 [DRDC - CCGCommercial 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:** Amendment to the multi-year Department of National Defence project which includes research and logistical activities related to surveillance with a focus on the Arctic Region and more specifically the Gascoyne area.

3. **Summary of modifications:** Updating equipment list related to the Recovery of the Northern Watch Array (NWA) activity.
4. **Associated NPC File Nos.:** 148552, 148823, 149525, 149788, 150057, 150292, 150448, 150837, and 151180; **Associated/Related NIRB File No.:** 08DN056, and 22DA050
5. **Location:** Qikiqtani Region; [Gascoyne and surrounding area, and Barrow Strait]

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 conformity determination was most recently issued on May 20, 2026, which still applies. 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, and 22DA050). It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). 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 addition of a transponder and spotter to the equipment list 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=151238> .

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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



Goump Djalogue, MCIP, RPP
Manager of Planning and Implementation,

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.