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Dear Tracey McCaie, Jared Ottenhof, Calvin Ehaloak, Cory Baker, and Amber Vidal:

RE: NPC File # 151224 [OP NUNAKPUT 2026]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Military training
2. **Project summary description:** Renewal for Operation NUNAKPUT, yearly deployment of a Joint Task Force to the High Arctic. Joint Task Force (North) (JTFN)'s primary goals are to strengthen security and demonstrate Canadian control in the Arctic through surveillance and presence operations. A component of this mandate is manifested through Operation NUNAKPUT (OP NK), an annual JTFN operation to enhance interoperability and increase domain awareness in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) maritime enforcement activities, Environment and Climate Change (ECCC) business and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).
3. **Summary of modifications:** The project has been updated to reflect OP NUNAKPUT 2026, with revised operational dates of August 19 to September 2, 2026. The location has shifted from Iqaluit and Pond Inlet to Resolute, with activities now focused on Little Cornwallis Island, Prince of Wales Island, and Dixon Island. Project maps have been updated to reflect these new locations. Material and logistics updates include reducing boats to six, increasing group tents to fifteen, adding two generators, and no change to aircraft. Fuel specifications have also been revised, removing diesel and updating naphtha quantities.
4. **Related NPC File No:** 148867, 149149, 149551, 149790, 150087, 150373, and 150820; **Related /Associated NIRB File Nos:** 16DN004, 16DN031, 16DN061, and 16DN063
5. **Location:** Qikiqtaaluk and Kitikmeot Regions; [various locations within the two regions]

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 the conformity determination issued (the latest conformity determination issued on June 9, 2025), which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 16DN004, 16DN031, 16DN061, and 16DN063). 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 project proposal does not require screening because it belongs to a class of works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement (NA), and the NPC does not have concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of the project proposal. 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=151224>.

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 (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.