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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Mosha Cote, Natalie D'Souza, Caroline Whittle, William Patch, Fish & Fish Habitat Protection Program, Colin Blanchette, Jared Ottenhof and Grant Woodbury:

RE: NPC File # 151213 [Kimmirut Sealift Field Program]

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

1. **Primary land use(s):** Scientific Research
2. **Project description:** Undertake several scientific field studies to inform the detailed design of sealift facilities. The key activities include:
 - a. Conduct environmental, geoscience, geophysics, and archaeological baseline studies in select areas;
 - b. Perform a geotechnical study to confirm intertidal and quarry rock conditions;
 - c. Topographic and bathymetric surveys; and
 - d. Existing conditions or effects studies prior to construction of the sealift site.
3. **Summary of modifications:** The Sealift Site Study Area has been expanded to include a larger shoreline area to investigate an alternative laydown location, following suggestions raised by the community during consultation. There is also potential for drilling activities in the Quarry Sites Study Area.
4. **Associated NPC File Nos.:** 150935; **Associated NIRB File No.:** 25YN087
5. **Location:** Qikiqtani Region; [within the municipal boundaries of Kimmirut]

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 has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan, and the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 25YN087). The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because of the understanding that the inclusion of an alternative laydown location 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 are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151213>

This decision 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.

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.