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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Natalie D'Souza, Paula Hughson, Caroline Whittle, Christopher Gerlach, Jared Ottenhof, and Geoff Green:

RE: NPC File # 151239 [SOI 2026 Youth Expedition]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Marine-based tourism
2. **Project summary description:** The Students on Ice 2026 Youth Expedition will bring a large contingency of students, elders, scientists and experts on an educational cruise across 2 countries.
 - Sailing on MV Ocean Nova from Nuuk onwards to Labrador, Iqaluit, Pangituuq, Qikiqtarjuaq and returning to Greenland

- Zodiac excursions, landings and sample collection.
3. **Summary of modifications:** Addition of four landings at Coronation Fjord, Little Bay, Exeter Bay, and Kingnait Fjord
 4. **Associated NPC File Nos.:** 148221, 148553, 148699, 149040, 150223, 150999, and 151200 **Associated NIRB File No.:** 13AN014
 5. **Location:** Qikiqtani Region; [Iqaluit, Fletcher Island, Gabriel Island, Sir Charles Francis Hall Bay, York Sound, Savage Island, Tookoolito Island, Pangnirtung Fjord, Auyuittuq Park, Kingnait Fjord, Kerketen Island, Pangituuq, Hoare Bay, Exeter Bay, Little Bay, Coronation Fjord, Qikiqtarjuaq, Auyuittuq Park]

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. NPC has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and the last conformity determination was issued on March 8, 2024. In addition, the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE No. 13AN014).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of landings at Coronation Fjord, Little Bay, Exeter Bay, and Kingnait Fjord and their associated 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 are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151239> .

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) 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.

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