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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Mosha Cote, DFO, Luis Manzo, Jared Ottenhof and Victoria Burdett-Coutts:

RE: NPC File # 151294 [Kivalliq-Baffin Connector Marine Survey]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Marine-based scientific research
1. **Project summary description:** Marine survey along the proposed cable route for a Kivalliq-Baffin Connector (KBC) Fibre Optic Cable that would involve the installation of a 1,050 km undersea fibre optic cable in southern Nunavut, linking the communities of Iqaluit, Kimmirut, Kinngait (on Baffin Island), and Coral Harbour (Salliq) on Southampton Island to high-speed internet.
2. **Summary of modifications:** Due to scheduling changes, the marine survey is now planned to occur in 2027 or 2028. The proponent will also limit the work to the Iqaluit extension and segments S2.1, S2.2s, S2.3, S2.4s, S2.5, and S2.5a.
3. **Associated NPC File No.:** 150741, 150863, and 151032; NIRB File No.: 25UN049, and 25YN061
4. **Location:** Qikiqtaaluk, Kivalliq and Transboundary Regions; [Iqaluit, Kimmirut, Hudson Strait, Kinngait, Frobisher Bay, and Salluit (Nunavik)]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal including the marine survey for a fibre optic cable and a determination was issued on February 19, 2026 (NPC file 151032) that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 25UN049, and 25YN061).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the change in scheduling and reduction of 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=151294> .

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,



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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.