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Dear Richard Dwyer, Jesse Ajayi, Lisa Pirie, Jared Ottenhof, Cassel Kapolak, and Grant Gilchrist,

RE: NPC File # 150286 [Coastal Surveys of Common Eider Nesting Islands Along the South Baffin Coast]

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

- 1. Scientific Research: Boat-based surveys of common eider ducks to better inform management decisions and evaluate the breeding population in relation to diseases (avian cholera) and predation by polar bears.
- 2. Modifications to the original/amended project proposal: Extension of survey for another three years (2024-2026)
- 3. Related NPC File No.: 148225 and 148512; Related NIRB File No.: 06AN026
- 4. Location: Qikiqtani Region (South Baffin); [Islands along the coast near Kinngait]

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 conformity determinations were issued on March 14, 2006, March 23, 2016, and most recently on March 14, 2017. In addition, the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No. 06AN026). The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it does not change the general scope of the original and 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=150286

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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