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Dear Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Mosha Cote, Carson Gillis, Jared Ottenhof, Francis Emingak, and Melissa Lafreniere:

## RE: NPC File # 150065 [Cape Bounty Arctic Watershed Observatory (CBAWO)]

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

- 1. Multiyear scientific research activities to study the impacts of climate change on land and water in the High Arctic.
- 2. Related NPC FILE No: 148246, 148366, 148705, 149088, 149320, 149519, and 149760.

- 3. Related NIRB FILE No. 03YN010.
- 4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Cape Bounty, Melville Island.]

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. The activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, last conformity determination issued on May 06, 2022, which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 03YN010). This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NUPPAA) under section 235 of that Act. 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 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=150065&sessionid=

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Agreement to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

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 at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

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**Nunavut Planning Commission**