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Dear Talia Maksagak, Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Mosha Cote, Amy Robinson, Carson Gillis, Jared Ottenhof, and Masaki UCHIDA

RE: NPC File # 149722 [The change in function and composition of the plants and soil microorganisms in the glacier foreland of a high arctic tundra ecosystem.]

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

1. Scientific research: Conduct field work to collect plants, soil, and sediment samples from the bottom of lakes/ponds. Project also involves conducting aerial surveys (using a drone) to map tundra vegetation.
2. Modifications to the original/amended project proposal:
 - a. Change in project dates: Multiyear and seasonal (late July to mid-August) from 2022-07-20 to 2024-08-15.
 - b. Change in Personnel:
 - i. Estimated No. of days on site: 27
 - ii. Total No. of person days: 27 (days) x 6 (people) = 162
3. Associated NPC FILE No: 148694, 148716, 149621; Associated NIRB FILE No: 18YN003 and 18YN007

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4. Location: Qikiqtani; [Ellesmere Island, 110km north-east from Eureka station]

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 NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal (conformity determination issued February 7, 2022), which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including collection of soil, plant, and sediment samples (NIRB FILE NO.: NIRB FILE NO.: 18YN003 and 18YN007). It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the change in personnel and operation dates 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149722&sessionid=>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination 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. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

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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