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Dear Mr. Stubbing, Mr. Dwyer Ms. Maksagak, and Mr. Brazeau:

RE: NPC File # 149293 [Evolution of the earliest jawed fishes]

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

- 1. Scientific Research: The purpose of this project is recover fossils that document the evolution of the earliest jaw-bearing fishes ion order to understand the anatomycand diversity of the earliest jaw-bearing fishes which lived about 420 million years ago. Activities involve: 1) prospecting the talus slope where we have found fish fossils weathering out naturally in the slabs of talus; 2) creating a small excavation into the bed where the fish-bearing talus is originating to find 'fresh' unweathered material.
- 2. Related NPC File #: 148688.
- 3. Location: Qikiqtani Region (North Baffin) [approx. 50 km Northeast of Resolute bay].

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. 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 project proposal does not require screening because it belongs to a class of works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1, and in an Exemption Agreement between the NIRB and the GN Department of Culture and Heritage (GN-CH) pursuant to Schedule 12-1 (item 7) of the Nunavut Agreement, and the NPC does not have concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of the project proposal.

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=149293&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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