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Dear Ms. Robinson, Ms. Vallancourt, Mr. Ottenhof, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. Maksagak and Ms. Gillespie:

RE: NPC File # 149469 [Vascular Plant and Lichen Biodiversity of the Canadian Arctic]

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

1. Scientific Research: A botanical inventory of Agguttinni Territorial Park near Clyde River, Baffin Island. Fieldwork is to study plants and lichens in the Park and in the vicinity of the community of Clyde River. Lichen specimens are collected from the environment by hand, using a small knife, or by using a hammer and chisel for crustose (rock-growing) specimens. These lichens are dried in the field in paper bags. Vascular plant specimens are collected and placed in a plant press, the standard method that botanists have used for several centuries.
2. Related NPC File No: 148283, 148501, 148521; and 149347.
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Agguttinni Territorial Park near Clyde River]

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

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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 an Exemption Agreement between the NIRB and the Government of Nunavut Department of Environment (GN-DOE) 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=149469&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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