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Dear Talia Maksagak, Richard Dwyer, Amy Robinson, Mosha Cote, Carson Gillis, Jared Ottenhof and
Joel Heath:

**RE: NPC File # 149701 [Community-Driven Monitoring of Sea Ice and Eider Duck Populations around the
Belcher Islands, Nunavut]**

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

1. Scientific Research: This is a multiyear community-based project using time lapse photography to understand how changing sea ice and oceanographic conditions influence population dynamics and movements of eider ducks.
2. Summary of modification: Collection of lake sediments from lakebeds using a sediment coring instrument through the ice to the bottom of the lake. The instrument will grab a 30-50 cm long core of undisturbed sediment.
3. Related NPC FILE No: 148389, 148665, 148969, 149248 and 149621; Related NIRB FILE No. 10YN058

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4. Location: Qikiqtani; Belcher Islands [Sanikiluaq].

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 determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) previously screened the works and activities associated with the current proposal, including the use of lapse photography and oceanographic monitoring (salinity meters and tide current meters) to study eider populations (NIRB FILE NO. 10YN058).

The NPC has determined that the extraction of core sediments from lakebeds as previously summarized is a significant modification to the project.

The above-noted project proposal requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original and previously amended proposal, and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project. By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149701&sessionid=>

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Goump Djalogue'.

Goump Djalogue
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