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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Richard Dwyer, Mosha Cote, Natalie D'Souza, Jared Ottenhof, Janelle Kennedy, Adam Lewis and Joel Heath:

RE: NPC File # 151034 [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. **Primary Land Use:** Community-based scientific research
2. **Project summary description:** Research focused on understanding changing sea ice and oceanographic conditions and relationships with changing wildlife populations, with an emphasis on eider ducks as a key indicator species and resources for the community.

3. **Summary of modifications:** Project expansion in the archipelagos of Salikuit, Innalikuit and Quumiutait
4. **Associated NPC File Nos.:** 148665, 148969, 149248, 149411, 150548; **Associated NIRB File No.:** 10YN058; **NWB File No.:** 8WLC-GBI2021
5. **Location:** Qikiqtani Region; [Sanikiluaq and surrounding archipelagos]

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

The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal and the most recent determination was issued on November 12, 2024 (NPC file 150548) that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 10YN058).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of the archipelagos of Salikuit, Innalikuit and Quumiutait in the research area 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.

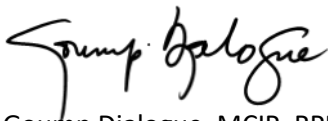
By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151034>.

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,



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