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Dear Lisa Pirie, Richard Dwyer, Cassel Kapolak, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, and Charlie Nakashuk:

RE: NPC File No. 150558 [Nirjutiqarvik National Wildlife Area Management]

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

1. Renewal of scientific research activities associated with management actions for Nirjutiqarvik National Wildlife Area as identified by the Nirjutiqarvik Area Co-Management Committee:
 - Conduct a photo survey by helicopter of seabird colonies
 - Drone survey of same colonies
 - Conduct maintenance on temporary dome shelter constructed in 2023 on the eastern shore of Nirjutiqarvik NWA
 - Install a 2nd temporary dome shelter in the same location
 - Camp activities to support personnel
2. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. 5 days over period 1 July 2025 to 31 August 2027
 - b. 6 personnel for a total of 30 person-days
3. Associated NPC File Nos.: 150261 and 150033; Associated NIRB File Nos.: 24YN017 and 23YN014 (Screening Terminated by Proponent)
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Nirjutiqarvik National Wildlife Area]

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A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by the NPC, including photo survey of bird colonies by helicopter, boat, and drone; installation of remote camera and signage; construction of temporary shelters; and conformity determinations were issued on 27 March 2023 and 15 March 2024 which still apply. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No. 24YN017).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because the NPC is of the understanding that it 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150558>.

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,

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

Goump Djalogue, MCIP, RPP
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