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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Mosha Cote, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, and Anissa Merzouk:

RE: NPC File No. 150484 [Project 1: The Northwest Passage at the end of the Last Glaciation. Project 2: River sampling during 2017 ArcticNet expedition]

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

- 1. Multidisciplinary marine and terrestrial scientific research aboard CCGS Amundsen:
 - a. Use of helicopter to access both river and ice sampling locations
 - b. Use of helicopter for aerial surveys
 - c. Samples (water, sediment, ice) to be returned to ship and stored for analysis
 - d. Possible deployment of sensors, weather stations, and GPS trackers on glacier ice
- 2. Associated NPC File Nos.: 148573, 148925, and 150481; Related NPC File No.: 149170
- 3. Associated NIRB File No.: 06YN071
- 4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Kangiqtugusiq (Padle Fiord), Isuqtuq, Nurraliktuuq near Exeter Sound, Iqalujjuaq Fiord, Cantley River, Bay of Two Rivers, Aamanngiut Inlet, Summit Easter Island, Makinson Inlet]

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 NPC has determined that a portion of this project proposal is within the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and a conformity determination was issued on 30 July 2018 which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 06YN071).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the 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=150484.

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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