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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Caroline Whittle, Jared Ottenhof and Christopher Griffin:

RE: NPC File No: 151137 [Exploring the Terrestrial Vertebrate Communities of the Triassic High Arctic]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Archaeological and Paleontological Research
2. **Project summary description:** The groups of animals that dominate life on land today—frogs, salamanders, mammals, lizards, turtles, crocodilians, and dinosaurs (with us today as birds)—all got their start during the Triassic Period, which was the period between 250 and 201 million years ago. The proposed project will engage in two weeks of palaeontological fieldwork with the goal of finding and collecting vertebrate fossils. Specimens will be temporarily taken to Princeton University for preparation and conservation in a laboratory but will be permanently repositied in the Nunavut Fossil Vertebrate collection in the Canadian Museum of Nature.
3. **Location:** Qikiqtani Region; [Cameron Island]

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 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 is exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB). The project proposal does not require screening because it belongs to a class of works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement, and the NPC does not have concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of the project proposal. In addition, the project proposal belongs to a class of works or activities set out in an Exemption Agreement between the NIRB and Department of Culture and Heritage (GN-CH) 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/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151137>.

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,



Goump Djalogue, MCIP, RPP
Manager of Planning and Implementation,

Jurisdictional Note:

This conformity determination applies only to the components of the proposed project located within the Nunavut Settlement Area and under the Nunavut Planning Commission's statutory jurisdiction as defined in the Nunavut Agreement and the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA). Activities outside the NPC's jurisdiction remain subject to the review and regulatory processes of the relevant authorities. Proponents are responsible for identifying, contacting, and obtaining all required approvals from the appropriate regulators in every applicable jurisdiction to ensure compliance with all legislation, policies, and licensing requirements.