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To the NWB Manager of Licensing:

RE: REQUEST APPROVAL FOR USE OF WATER/DEPOSIT OF WASTE WITHOUT A LICENSE

Please consider this letter as request for approval to use water for drinking, cooking, and washing while conducting fieldwork on a High Arctic wolf predation research project for two weeks, June 25, 2018 to July 9, 2018. The project started in 2014, with the support of the Iviq Hunters and Trappers Association in Grise Fiord, with radiocollars deployed on four wolf packs, to determine the abundance of wolves on central Ellesmere and Axel Heiberg islands, their territories and movements, and their predation rates on muskoxen and Peary caribou. Myself and my project partner (Morgan Anderson) will be investigating GPS locations from the collared wolves to determine the presence and identity of wolf-killed prey. The work is focused south of Slidre Fiord on the Fosheim Peninsula, central Ellesmere Island. We do not have defined coordinates for a camp yet, since this will depend on where the wolves and kill sites are located.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has screened this project (NPC File # 148824 [Assessing the impact of wolves on caribou and muskoxen in the High Arctic]) and determined that it conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan and that it is exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board. The NPC's letter is attached below for reference.

We have applied for a Government of Nunavut Wildlife Research Permit and our application is currently under review.

If you require further information or would like to discuss the project further, I can be reached at <a href="mailto:dan.macnulty@usu.edu">dan.macnulty@usu.edu</a> or (435) 797-7442.

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Dear Ms. Robinson, Mr. Kharatyan, Mr. Williamson Bathory, Ms. Lear, and Mr. MacNulty:

# RE: NPC File # 148824 [Assessing the impact of wolves on caribou and muskoxen in the High Arctic]

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

- 1. Scientific Research: Ongoing wildlife research project. Activities involve checking known dens and deploying collars on wolves. The objectives of the work are to determine characteristics and kill rates of prey (Peary caribou and muskoxen) and estimate density, productivity, and space use of wolves in the High Arctic.
- 2. Location: North Bafin Region; [North of the Community of Grise Fiord; on Axel Heiberg Island and Ellesmere 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 an Exemption Agreement between the NIRB and the Government of Nunavut

Department of Environment (GN-DOE) 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:

### http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148824&sessionid=

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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**Nunavut Planning Commission**