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Dear Mosha Cote, Michele LeBlanc-Havard, Lisa Pirie-Dominix, Carson Gillis, Jared Ottenhof, Talia Maksagak, and François Vézina:

RE: NPC File # 149763 [Climate change, migration and breeding of birds at Alert, Nunavut]

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

1. Scientific research: Ongoing research to study how climate change influences the capacity of arctic breeding birds to recover from migration after their arrival and determine how this may interfere with their reproductive preparation, effort, and success.
2. Modifications to the original/amended project proposal: Adding Iqaluit to the location for the 2022 fieldwork season.
3. Associated NPC File No.: 148450, and 149480.
4. Associated NIRB File No.: 15YN031.
5. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [municipality of Iqaluit; Alert]

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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. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal (conformity determination issued February 22, 2022, which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 15YN031.). It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NUPPAA) under section 235 of that Act. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of Iqaluit for the 2022 fieldwork season 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/project-dashboard.php?appid=149763&sessionid=>

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Agreement to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

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', with a stylized, cursive script.

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