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To Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC):

This letter, from the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor), is for information purposes to include with Qikiqtaaluk Corporation's (QC) submission under ESDC's Skills and Partnership Fund (SPF).

The inshore and offshore fisheries sector is recognized by CanNor as a significant and growing driver of Economic Development for Nunavut. CanNor currently supports QC's efforts to evaluate and develop the inshore fisheries potential of its member communities in the Qikiqtani region. In addition to the potential that commercial fisheries development can provide for much needed employment and socio-economic development in our remote communities, the evaluation of fisheries resources also offers the potential to help address critical food security and sovereignty issues in these communities.

CanNor can confirm that it has made a financial contribution of $814,652 to the capital and operational costs over the past several years in the construction and operation of QC's new inshore fisheries research vessel, the Ludy Pudluk. A further commitment of $377,689 has been made for the next three years, at approximately $125,000 per annum to undertake fisheries research. CanNor expects to receive additional requests from QC for funding in support of future fisheries projects during our annual expressions of interest competitive call.

A critical component needed for the long-term success of inshore fisheries development in Nunavut is the identification, training and mentoring of local Inuit human resources. With the large number of young Inuit who will be entering the workforce over the coming years, an early introduction to the potential career opportunities in the fishery, from research technicians, to vessel and processing plant staff, small business owners and managers, is desirable in order to attract the future workforce needed for all aspects of fishery development.

Sincerely,

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