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Notification of Research

I would like to inform you that Northwest Territories Scientific Research Licence No. 17476 has been issued to:

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To conduct the following study:

Sensory Acts: More Than Human Communication in the Circumpolar North (5760)

Please contact the researcher if you would like more information about this research project.

Summary of Research

This project seeks to create an Inuvialuit-owned database of instances of nonverbal communication with animals and plants that will benefit future hunters, plant gatherers, and game managers, as much as it will enlighten current scholarship on nonverbal interspecies communication. Throughout the duration of the project, the objectives of the study will be subject to negotiation with the Inuvialuit steering committee. Deliverables, such as films and other publications, will be prepared in close consultation with the Steering Committee, and where appropriate under co-authorship. The project has four proposed guiding questions, each of which is subject to change, based on the recommendations of the Steering Committee:

- 1) How do animals, humans, and plants engage their senses as they share meaning across species boundaries?
- 2) How do differences in the perception of time and space (e.g. life rhythm) influence interspecies understanding?
- 3) What learnable nonverbal communicative acts have northerners observed in wild and domestic beings?
- 4) What makes interspecies collaboration most productive for all parties involved?

Sincerely,

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Manager, Scientific Services Office

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