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To whom it may concern,

May 30, 2024

The Government of Nunavut's Department of Economic Development and Transportation – Fisheries and Sealing Division's mandate is to support local communities in natural resource use and in the sustainable and ethical development of inshore and offshore fisheries, among others. It also represents Nunavut's fishing industry both nationally and internationally and supports consistent research on natural resources (including fish stocks), and an increased use in federal resources dedicated to the sustainable economic development of the Arctic region.

As such, the Fisheries and Sealing Division is glad hear about the CASTAF: *Climate Change Adaptation Strategies for Arctic Fisheries*, and the FISHSENS: *Building ecological knowledge to assess the sensitivity of Canadian marine fishes to Atlantification,* joint initiative proposed under the NordForsk: Nordic-North America joint call "*Sustainable Development of the Arctic*".

The Fisheries and Sealing Division ("Division") is proud to support the development of new technologies, and scientific research initiatives aiming to sustainably manage fisheries resources in the North and protect critical habitat and ecosystems supporting such fisheries (See https:-//www.gov.nu.ca/en-/industry/fisheries). The Division works closely with industry stakeholders, other regulatory agencies (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), and funded researchers to continuously develop conservation and sustainable management strategies and policies aiming for the long-term benefit of Nunavummiut.

Thus, the proposed research through CASTAF/FISHSENS fits well within the mandate of the Division, and we fully support this joint initiative. By the present letter, the Division commits myself, Zoya Martin as a co-Principal Investigator of the joint CASTAF/FISHSENS proposals. There will be internal supports for me to assure successful Stage II submission. We understand that the deadlines for both projects are June 4th 2024, and May 30th 2024, for CASTAF, FISHSENS, respectively, and look forward to co-building this knowledge.

Sincerely,

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