

On December 14, 2018 the NIRB received a referral to screen the GN's "Wolf Predation and Peary Caribou Population Composition on the Bathurst Island Complex" project proposal from the NPC, with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan for those portions of the project located outside of Qausuittuq National Park.

Pursuant to s. 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 18AN053.

On December 17, 2018 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening. On December 24, 2018 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. Following the conclusion of the holiday season, on January 9, 2019 the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by January 31, 2019. As a result of the delay experienced in releasing the notice of the project proposal to interested parties, additional time is required for the Board to fully consider the project proposal prior to completing the screening.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125426.

The NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the *NuPPAA*. The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **February 14, 2019**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister for consideration; should any additional time be required to conclude the screening process, the NIRB commits to providing further updates as deemed appropriate.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the Minister will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

has been established or to a historic place that has been designated under the *Historic Sites and Monuments Act* and is administered by the Parks Canada Agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Conor Mallory, Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment
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 The Honourable Patterk Nester, Minister Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Government of
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