



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 16YN009

Project Name: The “**Marine Habitat use of Thick-billed Murres**” project
Proponent Name: Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
Project Type: Research Region: North Baffin Region
Public Registry: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/>
Comment Deadline: **March 24, 2016**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Marine Habitat use of Thick-billed Murres” project is located within the North Baffin region, approximately 66 kilometres (km) from Pond Inlet. The Proponent intends to conduct abundance patterns of Thick-billed Murres. The program is proposed to take place from July to August 2016. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of helicopter for personnel drop off and pickup, including equipment transport
- Temporary set-up of field camp for accommodation and research activities;
- Research marine habitat of Thick-billed Murres nesting at Cape Graham Moore, Bylot Island
- Use of boats for personnel transport to and from Bylot Island

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 16YN009 to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Solomon Amuno, Technical Advisor II toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or samuno@nirb.ca.