



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 16YN043

Project Name: The “Past Climate Reconstruction using Annually-layered Carbonate buildups on the Nunavut Shallow Seafloor” project

Proponent Name: University of Toronto

Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani Baffin Region

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application: 124690

Comment Deadline: **August 8, 2016**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Past Climate Reconstruction using Annually-layered Carbonate buildups on the Nunavut Shallow Seafloor” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, along the coastline from Qikiqtarjuaq to Resolute Bay. The Proponent intends to collect small carbonate (limestone) mounds to further the understanding of ocean temperature and sea ice evolution during the past centuries. The program is proposed to take place from August to September 2016. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Transportation of five (5) personnel by 16 metre (m) marine vessel along the coastline between Qikiqtarjuaq and Resolute Bay including Jones Sound, Lancaster Sound, Wellington Channel, Perry Strait, and Prince Regent Inlet;
- Use of two (2) m boat for site navigation;
- Transportation, storage and use of 4,000 litres (L) of diesel to power the vessels;
- Collection of up to 20 inorganic calcium carbonate (limestone) mounds, three to eight 3-8 centimeters (cm) in diameter and up to three (3) cm high, with the use of hand tools

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 16YN043 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 Kristina Benoit, Technical Advisor II toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or kbenoit@nirb.ca.