

COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

Project Proposal Title: Pilot study – Hovercraft Implementation in Nunavut																			
Proponent: Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd																			
Location: Kivalliq Region																			
Comments Due By: March 7, 2017	NIRB #: 11EN010																		
Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>☐ no concerns</td> <td>☐ traditional uses of land</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ water quality</td> <td>☐ Inuit harvesting activities</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ terrain</td> <td>☐ community involvement and consultation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ air quality</td> <td>☐ local development in the area</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ wildlife and their habitat</td> <td>☐ tourism in the area</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X marine mammals and their habitat</td> <td>☐ human health issues</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ birds and their habitat</td> <td>☐ other: _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X fish and their habitat</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ heritage resources in area</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table> Please describe the concerns indicated above: Disturbance of marine mammals.		☐ no concerns	☐ traditional uses of land	☐ water quality	☐ Inuit harvesting activities	☐ terrain	☐ community involvement and consultation	☐ air quality	☐ local development in the area	☐ wildlife and their habitat	☐ tourism in the area	X marine mammals and their habitat	☐ human health issues	☐ birds and their habitat	☐ other: _____	X fish and their habitat	_____	☐ heritage resources in area	_____
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Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application? DFO recommends that watercraft should survey the area for marine mammals to avoid disturbing them. If marine mammals are encountered, and remain in the area, effort should be made to avoid disturbing them by rerouting, slowly navigating around their location at a reduced speed and maintaining their distance. The watercraft should not accelerate within 400m of the marine mammals. The marine mammals should not be approached closer than 100m at any time. It is recommended that the proponent follow our guidance tools which can be found at the following website (http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/measures-mesures/index-eng.html).																			
Do you support the project proposal? Yes ☐ No ☐ Any additional comments?																			
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Signature: <u>Kathleen Buck</u>	Date: February 15, 2017																		