



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 06YN071

Project Name: The “Project 1: The Northwest Passage at the end of the Last Glaciation. 2: River sampling during 2017 ArcticNet expedition” project
Proponent Name: Arctic Net
Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Regions
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125145
Comment Deadline: **June 26, 2017**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “ArcticNet Project 1: The Northwest Passage at the end of the Last Glaciation. ArcticNet 2: River sampling during 2017 ArcticNet expedition” project is located within the Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani regions. The Proponent intends to conduct a study of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago environment and its sensitivity to environmental variability and change along shorelines as previously approved and is currently proposing the addition of river sampling to the project. The program is proposed to take place from July to August 2017. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of helicopter on board the CCGS Amundsen to sample various river locations along the route, weather dependant
- collect eight (8) litres (L) via battery powered pump for further analysis and some samples would be preserved
- Use of sensors to measure temperature, salinity, and water flow rate
- Any garbage or materials taken to the sampling location would be taken back to the ship to be disposed of appropriately

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 06YN071 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 Kelli Gillard, Manager, Project Monitoring toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or kgillard@nirb.ca.