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via email: info@nirb.com

RE: 06YN071 – ArcticNet – ArcticNet Project 1: The Northwest Passage at the end of the Last Glaciation & ArcticNet 2: River Sampling during 2017 ArcticNet Expedition – NIRB Screening

Attention: Kelli Gillard

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has reviewed the information submitted to the Nunavut Impact Review Board regarding the above-mentioned screening and is submitting a comment via email. ECCC's specialist advice is provided based on our mandate, in the context of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

The following comment is provided:

Canadian Wildlife Service Authorization

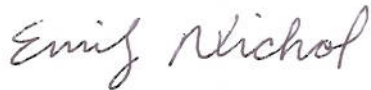
1. A Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) permit is required for the Proponent to enter and collect water samples at three river sampling sites located in the Queen Maud Gulf Migratory Bird Sanctuary. In the NIRB Application for Screening it states that the Proponent applied for a CWS permit application and the decision is pending (page 4).

CWS has confirmed that a permit application from the Proponent for this Project has not been received. The deadline to apply for a permit to access Migratory Bird Sanctuaries in Nunavut between June and October of this year was February 1, 2017. Without a CWS permit the Proponent will be unable to access or complete the proposed work at the three river sites located in the Queen Maud Gulf Migratory Bird Sanctuary.

For more information regarding CWS permits for Migratory Bird Sanctuaries in Nunavut please contact the CWS Permitting Officer at ec.nupermisscf-cwspermitnu.ec@canada.ca.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867)669-4732 or Emily.Nichol@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Nichol".

Emily Nichol
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cc: Loretta Ransom, Senior Environmental Assessment Coordinator
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