



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 16YN010

Project Name: The “CAT-TRAIN” project
Proponent Name: Arctic Research Foundation
Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125210
Comment Deadline: **February 19, 2018**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “CAT-TRAIN: Canadian Arctic Tidal Transect Research and Infrastructure Network” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, within 300 kilometres (km) of Cambridge Bay. The Proponent intends to transport Mobile Marine-Archaeology-Geology Network (M-MAG-N) laboratories across the sea ice from Cambridge Bay to the Finlayson Islands, the Lachlan River, and to the Bathurst Inlet area to support research projects within the Kitikmeot region. The program is proposed to take place in spring of 2018 with the Laboratories to be returned to Cambridge Bay in the spring of 2020. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- One (1) laboratory to be deployed at the Finlayson Islands, one (1) laboratory to be deployed at the Lachlan River and one (1) laboratory to be deployed in Bathurst Inlet
- Transportation of personnel and route-scouting over sea ice with up to five (5) snowmobiles
- Transportation and use of approximately 400 litres (L) gasoline and approximately 1,600 L diesel for transportation equipment
- Accommodation and cooking trailers immediately returned across sea-ice following deployment of laboratories

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 17UN042 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 Shanley Thompson, Technical Advisor II toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or sthompson@nirb.ca.