



# NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 17YN071

Project Name: The “Community-driven Sea-Ice and Ocean Research” project  
Proponent Name: University of Manitoba  
Project Type: Research Region: Kivalliq Region  
Public Registry: [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) Application No.: 125235  
Comment Deadline: **January 15, 2018**

## PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Community-driven Sea-Ice and Ocean Research in the Contrasting Coastal Domains of Hudson Bay” project is located within the Kivalliq region, based within the coastal marine environment of eastern Hudson Bay to northwest Hudson Bay near the communities of Chesterfield Inlet and Nauyasat. The Proponent intends to sample coastal waters and conduct measurement of sea-ice thickness in order to assess the contrasting oceanography and marine life between the northwest and southeast Hudson Bay. The program is proposed to take place seasonally during the winter months (January-March) and spring season (April-June) of 2018. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of snowmobiles for personnel transportation across landfast ice to access sampling locations
- Use of lithium batteries to power oceanographic equipment and hydrochloric acid for cleaning glassware and sample bottles
- Installation of oceanographic equipment for conducting temperature and salinity probes and for measuring water currents and ice growths at various depths
- Storage of 600 litres (L) of gasoline for fueling snowmobiles and ice augers

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 17YN071 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](http://www.nirb.ca).** Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto: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 Solomon Amuno, Technical Advisor II toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or [samuno@nirb.ca](mailto:samuno@nirb.ca).