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Sent via email: Dino.Evangelista@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Canadian Coast Guard's "Mulroak Island ATON Tower Decommission" Project Proposal

Dear Dino Evangelista:

On April 11, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Canadian Coast Guard's (DFO – CCG) "Mulroak Island ATON Tower Decommission" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **19UN026**.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On April 11, 2019 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that the information provided be sufficient to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and that sufficient information has been provided to commence screening. Following a preliminary completeness check of the proposal as submitted, the NIRB determined that the proposal did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening and on April 25, 2019 requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the additional information in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal.

On April 30, 2019 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

The proposed “Mulroak Island ATON Tower Decommission” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 155 kilometres (km) southeast from Cambridge Bay, within the Queen Maud Gulf Migratory Bird Sanctuary on Mulroak Island. The Proponent intends to decommission a redundant Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) Aid to Navigation land mark tower. The program is proposed to take place in one day, between August and September 2019.

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of the CCG vessel *Sir Wilfrid Laurier* as a platform for workers to access Mulroak Island, with vessel staying outside the boundary of the Queen Maud Gulf Migratory Bird Sanctuary;
- Use of a CCG helicopter (Bell 429) to fly to and from Mulroak Island to transport personnel, tools and material between the vessel and the island;
- Use of power saws and other various hand tools to disassemble the Daymark tower and related components:
 - If birds are found to be nesting on the tower itself, the project will be deferred to a future year.
- All tower material to be transported to the CCG by helicopter using industry standard slinging nets for salvage or recycling;
- Following dismantling of the tower, site will be cleaned thoroughly and restored back to its natural habitat as much as possible; and
- Refueling of helicopter to occur on CCG vessel.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB’s online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125465.

The documents received include:

- *NPC Screening Referral and Conformity Determination*
- *NPC Application and Conformity Questionnaire*
- *NIRB’s Online Application Form*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuinnaqtun*
- *Maps noting tower location*
- *Project Description*
- *CWS Permit Application*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by DFO – CCG's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **May 27, 2019**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125465.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or at motokiak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English and Inuinnaqtun)
Comment Forms (English and Inuinnaqtun)

cc: Distribution List
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