



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 19YN029

Project Name: The “Diversity of pelagic primary producers in coastal habitats and the potential for harmful blooms in Eastern Canadian Arctic” project

Proponent Name: Institut des Sciences de la Mer de Rimouski’s (ISMER)

Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani (South) Baffin Region

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125471

Comment Deadline: **June 28, 2019**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Diversity of pelagic primary producers in coastal habitats and the potential for harmful blooms in Eastern Canadian Arctic” project is located within the Qikiqtani (South) Baffin region, approximately 10 kilometres (km) from Iqaluit. The Proponent intends to conduct scientific research to identify and describe microscopic algae species that are present in Koojesse, Peterhead, and Tarr Inlets in the Frobisher Bay region. The program is proposed to take place from August 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Transportation of personnel by chartered boat (Polar Outfitting) to approximately 23 sampling locations within Frobisher Bay;
- Collection of conductivity, temperature and depth (CTD) at each sampling locations;
- Use and storage of chemicals for preservation of samples; and
- Collection of algae samples using various techniques including:
 - sampling from the water column using a plankton net;
 - sampling of ocean floor sediment using a grab sampler.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **19YN029** 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 Cory Barker, Technical Advisor I toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or cbarker@nirb.ca or Sophia Granchinho, Manager, Impact Assessment at sgranchinho@nirb.ca.