



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Institut des Sciences de la Mer de Rimouski's "Diversity of pelagic primary producers in coastal habitats and the potential for harmful blooms in Eastern Canadian Arctic" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region, NIRB File No. 19YN029

Dear Land Administrators:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard for Institut des Sciences de la Mer de Rimouski's (ISMER) "Diversity of pelagic primary producers in coastal habitats and the potential for harmful blooms in Eastern Canadian Arctic" in the Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region, dated July 15, 2019.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Minister that a review of the project is not required in accordance with paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, regulatory authorities should take note of paragraph 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: "A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed." Contravention of s. 75(1) of the *NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact Talia Maksagak, NIRB Manager, Technical Administration at (867) 983-5627 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Talia Maksagak".

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Enclosure (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 19YN029 (July 15, 2019)

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