



NOTICE OF SCREENING

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 19YN031

Project Name: The “Four Harbour Feasibility Study Field Program” project
Proponent Name: Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Small Craft Harbours (DFO - SCH)
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125473
Comment Deadline: **July 18, 2019**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Four Harbour Feasibility Study Field Program” project is located within the Qikiqtani (North Baffin) region, within and adjacent to each of the communities of Arctic Bay, Grise Fiord, Resolute Bay, and Clyde River. The Proponent intends to conduct baseline studies to determine the feasibility of constructing small craft harbours and supporting infrastructure including haul roads and quarries, and disposal at sea sites (dredged sediment) in each of these four (4) communities. The program is proposed to take place from July to August 2019. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Transport of up to six (6) personnel and research equipment via locally contracted and operated small boats to access marine study areas;
- Access to terrestrial study areas via locally contracted ATVs or motor vehicles, using existing roads and trails;
- Use of hazardous materials including formaldehyde for the purpose of sample preparation and preservation; and
- Use of a generator to power marine subtidal and geophysics surveys.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **19YN031** 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 Erin Reimer, Technical Advisor I at 1-867-857-4566 or ereimer@nirb.ca.