



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 21YN027

Project Name: The “**Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link Baseline Research**” project
Proponent Name: Kivalliq Inuit Association’s
Project Type: Research Region: Kivalliq
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125614
Comment Deadline: **July 2, 2021**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link Baseline Research” project is located within the Kivalliq region, approximately corridor from Manitoba boundary to Chesterfield Inlet and then inland to Baker Lake and the Meadowbank Mine. The Proponent intends to conduct several fieldwork activities to support the ongoing project design, evaluation and development of the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link (KHFL). These activities are focused on gathering information about the wildlife biology, vegetation, aquatics, geomorphology, and permafrost conditions of the region. The program is proposed to take place from August 2021 to August 2023. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Migratory birds survey including waterfowl along the proposed corridor;
- Terrestrial wildlife survey;
- Fish and fish habitat survey
- A targeted field program to validate preliminary desktop-based mapping of the proposed KHFL project corridor, including

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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 Guillaume Daoust, Technical Advisor I, toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or gdaoust@nirb.ca.