



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 22YN010

Project Name: The “Understanding the impacts of climate change on Arctic nesting geese- a key towards Inuit food sovereignty in Arviat” Project

Proponent Name: Aqqiumavvik Society

Project Type: Research Region: Kivalliq Region

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125673

Comment Deadline: **March 21, 2022**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Understanding the impacts of climate change on Arctic nesting geese- a key towards Inuit food sovereignty in Arviat” project is located within the Kivalliq region, approximately 40 kilometres (km) from Arviat. The Proponent intends to conduct scientific research to assess the viability of an increased harvest of geese and eggs in a changing climate to contribute to food security in Arviat. The program is proposed to take place from April 2022 to September 2026. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Establishment of a mobile base camp near the nesting area(s) to support research activities;
- Use of ATVs to transport personnel and sampling equipment/samples between the nesting colonies within Kuugaarjuk Migratory Bird Sanctuary and around Arviat; and
- Mapping goose nest locations and abundance by counting the number of nests and measuring eggs to determine species within a 30-metre radius within Kuugaarjuk Migratory Bird Sanctuary and around Arviat.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **22YN010** 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 Caitlin Pelletier, Technical Advisor I toll-free at (867) 983-4603 or cpelletier@nirb.ca.