



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 22DA050

Project Name: The “Northern Watch Technology Demonstration” Project
Proponent Name: Defense Construction Canada (DCC)
Project Type: Defense/Research Region: Qikiqtani Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca/project/125731 Application No.: 125731
Comment Deadline: **August 18, 2022**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed Northern Watch Technology Demonstration project is located within the Qikiqtani region, in the ocean around Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Qikiqtarjuaq, Resolute Bay. The Proponent intends to conduct defense and research activities. The program is proposed to take place from August to September, 2022. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Deployment of passive acoustic recorders
- Testing of underwater acoustic communications
- Use of an autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV)
- Use of high frequency sonar

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **22DA050** 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 Keith Morrison, Manager Impact Assessment toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or kmorrison@nirb.ca.