

**Update to the Nunavut Impact Review Board Regarding Technical Comments
Sustaining Operations Proposal, 8/2/2023**

The Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment (DoE) is writing to provide an update to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) on the current resolution status of its technical comments on the Sustaining Operations Proposal (SOP).

Since filing its comments on June 26, 2023, the GN has had the opportunity to review Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland)'s responses to our technical comments filed on July 11, 2023, participate in NIRB Community Roundtables in Iqaluit and Pond Inlet, and have various follow up conversations on the topics we raised with Baffinland and its experts.

With the benefit of this information and the additional commitments below, DoE confirms that it now has no outstanding technical comments on the SOP.

With Baffinland's support, DoE requests that the NIRB add the following commitments to Appendix B of Project Certificate No. 005, should the SOP be approved:

<i>GN TC #</i>	<i>Baffinland Commitment</i>	<i>Status</i>
GN-FWS-01	<ul style="list-style-type: none">While the Inuit led North Baffin Caribou Study is being completed, Baffinland will develop interim caribou protection measures within 6 months of issuance of the amended Project Certificate. The interim measures will include group size and distance thresholds that will trigger specified responses, including activity suspensions, on an activity by activity basis. These interim measures will apply during the period May 15 to July 15. Baffinland will seek advice from TEWG Members and available literature in the development of the interim measures. [Note this commitment is related to existing Appendix B Commitment 064]	Resolved
GN-FWS-02	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Resolved with commitment for GN-FWS-01 above	Resolved
GN-FWS-03	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Baffinland will implement snow track surveys and will make best efforts to conduct them at a frequency of once per week along the Tote Road during the 2023/2024 snow cover seasons when environmental conditions permit the surveys to be conducted effectively and safely. The conditions criteria include fresh snowfall (within last 48 hours) and suitable light conditions. The results of these surveys are to be reviewed by the TEWG following completion of the 2023/2024 snow cover season for potential alterations. [Note survey condition criteria will be the ultimate driver of the number of surveys conducted each month and may be less than the frequency of once per week and due to darkness will not generally be possible in January and February].	Resolved