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Re: Notice of Screening for Parks Canada's "Establishment of Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area" project proposal

Dear Marie-Claude Martel:

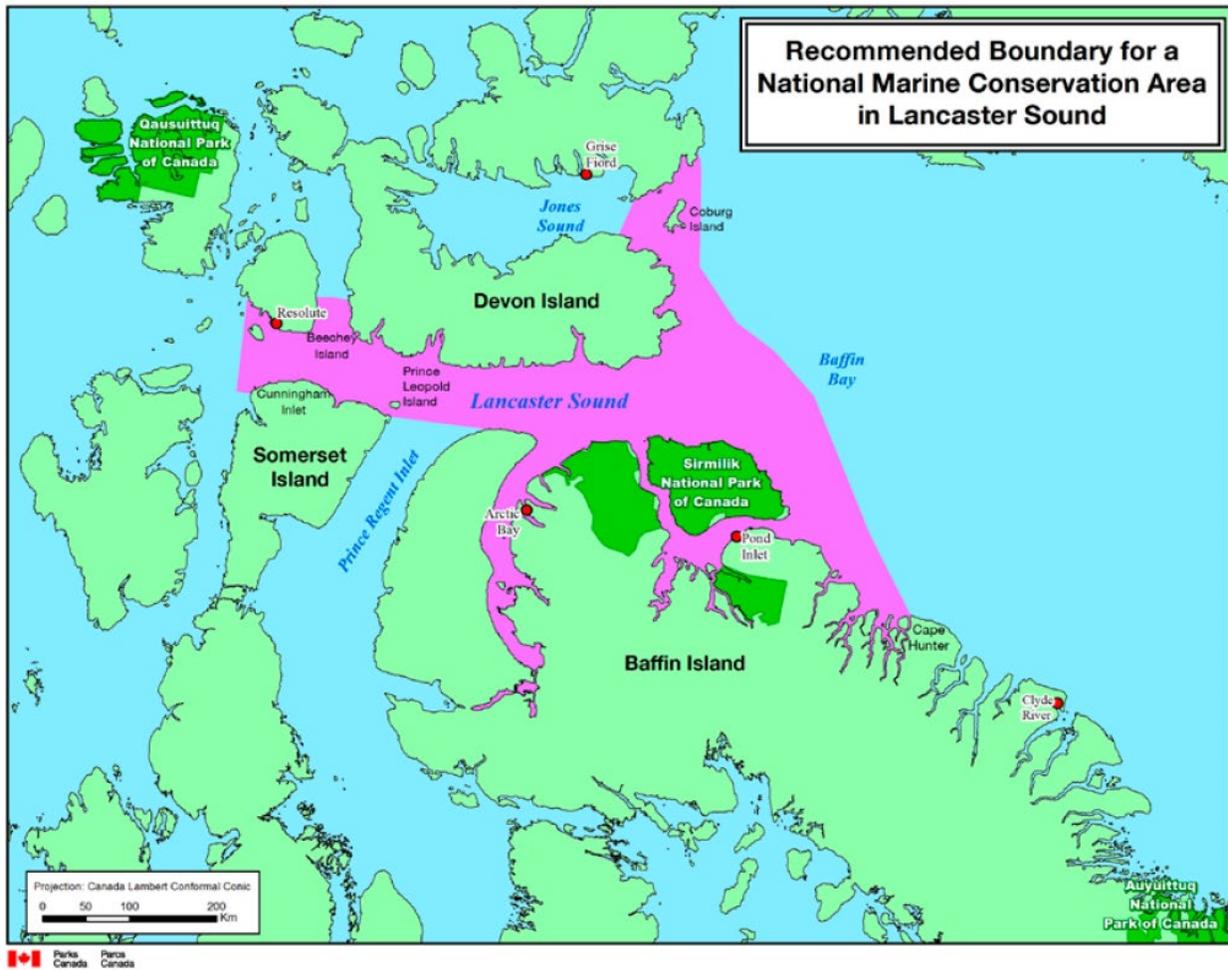
On May 15, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Parks Canada's (PC) "Establishment of Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan.

On August 2, 2023, the NIRB received the complete application from the Proponent.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 and 182 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **23UN047** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

Project Scope:

The Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area (Tallurutiup Imanga NMCA) is proposed within the Qikiqtani Region in the North Baffin Region (map below). The communities within or next to the proposed Tallurutiup Imanga NMCA include Resolute, Arctic Bay, Pond Inlet, Grise Fiord, and Clyde River. The proposed Conservation Area is approximately 180,000 square kilometres and would be established as per the *Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act* (2002) in July 2023 and remain in force permanently. Inuit rights and the exercise of such rights shall continue within Tallurutiup Imanga NMCA.



As required under subsection 86(1) of the NuPPAA, the Board accepts the scope of the proposed project as the establishment of a National Marine Conservation Area under the *Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act* (2002) for the purpose of protecting and conserving representative marine areas for the benefit, education, and enjoyment of the people of Canada and the world.

The scope of the proposal includes the following works:

- Develop a legal framework for the management of the area;
- Management by Parks Canada conducted jointly with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association as well as other Regulatory Authorities including Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Transport Canada through the Aulattiqatigiit Board;
- Protected area would include the seabed and water column and may include wetlands, estuaries, islands (less than 400 hectares in area), coastal lands, sea ice, lake ice, and islands;¹
- Allow for future restrictions on activities in specific areas such as:
 - prohibitions on mineral and hydrocarbon exploration and development,
 - use or occupancy of land without authorization,
 - restrictions on ocean dumping,
 - provisions for ecologically sustainable use of marine resources which can include commercial use, and
 - Other tools such as temporary closures and voluntary measures for the purpose of resource protection, public safety, or other management requirements.
- Management of the Conservation Area with zones for a range of activities that may be allowed in the conservation area may include:
 - fishing,
 - shipping,
 - tourism,
 - research, and
 - land use at a rate and scale that would be economically and culturally sustainable.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

Currently, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's Public Registry www.nirb.ca/project/125814 and include:

- *NPC Screening Referral and Application for Conformity*
- *NIRB's Online Application Form*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English, Inuktitut, and Inuinnaqtun*

¹ The Conservation Area would not apply to the management of marine components of national historic sites, national parks, or national park reserves.

- *Map noting the location of the Project*
- *Project Description*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process-related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by Parks Canada's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **August 24, 2023**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594, or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's Public Registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125814.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (8): Public Notice of Screening (English, Inuinnaqtun, French and Inuktitut
Comment Forms (English, Inuinnaqtun, French and Inuktitut)

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