



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Fisheries and Oceans Canada's "Admiralty Inlet and Milne Inlet narwhal tagging and drone work" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Fisheries and Oceans Canada's "Admiralty Inlet and Milne Inlet narwhal tagging and drone work" Project Proposal

Dear Keith Morrison,

On July 21, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Fisheries and Oceans Canada's "Admiralty Inlet and Milne Inlet narwhal tagging and drone work" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CIRNAC #1: Potential for Positive Effects on Inuit through Employment, Training, and Procurement Opportunities

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent prioritize the employment and training of Inuit located in Arctic Bay and Pond Inlet, as well as procurement with Inuit-owned businesses when implementing project activities. Such efforts will allow for positive effects to be realized by community members and the local Inuit population.

CIRNAC #2: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC appreciates the effort the Proponent has made in contacting the Ikajutit Hunters and Trappers Association and Arctic Bay Adventures, as well as their commitments to consulting with the Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization and having community members on their research team. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with relevant interested Inuit, hamlets, and community organizations. As part of any consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including, but not limited to:

- Incorporation of Inuit Quaijimajatuqangit into project activities;



- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Training and employment opportunities for community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local businesses; and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact John MacInnis by e-mail at john.macinnis@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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