



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 23YN043

Project Name: The “**Keewaytinook Okimakanak Bathymetric Marine Fiber Optic Cable**” project
Proponent Name: Keewaytinook Okimakanak
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 150134
Comment Deadline: **September 5, 2023**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Keewaytinook Okimakanak Bathymetric Marine Fiber Optic Cable” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 125 kilometres (km) from Sanikiluaq. The Proponent intends to conduct a survey to determine the possible route for a future fiber cable. The program is proposed to take place from September to October 2023. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Sail through Hudson Bay to survey the route for a fiber cable route between Kuujjuaraapik, Peawanuck, and Fort Severn, via Nunavut waters; and
- Use of sidescan and depth measurement sonars to profile the bottom topography.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **23YN043** 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 (867) 983-4617 or kmorrison@nirb.ca.