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**TITLE:** Keewaytinook Okimakanak Bathymetric Marine Fiber Optic Cable Survey

### OBJECTIVES OF RESEARCH:

Keewaytinook Okimakanak is proposing to contract Seaforth Geological Surveys and the Arctic Research Foundation's vessel the William Kennedy to complete a bathymetric sonar survey during September and October 2023 between Kuujjuarapik, Peawanuck and Fort Severn. The survey vessel with an operational crew of 8, will be in the Sanikiluaq Region for up to two days. The purpose is to determine a route for a marine fibre optic cable between the Cree Nations which, if approved, could be installed in the summer of 2025. The remote Cree Nations of Peawanuck and Fort Severn require fibre optic broadband connection for access to critical health, education and administrative services. There are no anticipated negative impacts to wildlife, environment or people. Nunavut residents are welcome to provide input into the survey routing and routing can be shared with the Sanikiluaq Region Hunter and Trapper Organization if requested.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

The holder of this license will be bound by the Terms and Conditions of the Eeyou Marine Region Impact Review Board (EMRIRB File # 0046-323-010), and the Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board (NMRIRB File # 125652), and by the terms and conditions of the Nunavut Impact Review Board Screening Decision Report (NIRB File # 23YN043) and the Department of Culture & Heritage archaeological sites terms and conditions. These terms and conditions will form part of this license.

### DATA COLLECTION IN NU:

**DATES:** September 1,2023 to October 31,2023

**LOCATION:** Marine areas between Kuujjuaraapik, Peawanuk, Fort Severn, and within and around Sanikiluaq

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