



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 23YN048

Project Name: The “Hudson Bay System Paleoceanography” project
Proponent Name: Université Laval
Project Type: Research
Region: Kivalliq and Qikiqtani
Comment Deadline: **August 14, 2023**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Hudson Bay System Paleoceanography” project is located within the Kivalliq and Qikiqtani region, closest to: Coral Harbour, Sanirajak, Kimmirut, Sanikiluaq, Naujaat, and Igloolik. The Proponent intends to conduct water sampling, sediment coring, and bathymetry in Hudson Bay, Foxe Basin, and Hudson Strait. The program is proposed to take place from August to September 2023. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of the research vessel RV *Maria S. Merian*
- Water sampling
- Taking sediment cores
- Use of sidescan and depth measurement sonars to profile the bottom topography

Please visit the NIRB’s Public Registry at www.nirb.ca and look up NIRB File No.: **23YN048** 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

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 1-866-233-3033 or kmorrison@nirb.ca.