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Nunavut Impact Review Board  
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**Re: Request for NIRB screening for proposed amendment to project “Douglas Harbour Shelter” in Ukkusiksalik National Park**

Good afternoon,

NIRB completed a screening for the “Douglas Harbour Shelter” project in 2020 (NIRB File #20UN005). This project is within Ukkusiksalik National Park. While removal of the old damaged cabin is still underway, planning for the new cabin has continued in the area originally planned for it (65.7053N, 88.8995W). The plans for the installation of the new cabin now involve cribbing supports that may be filled with sand and/or rocks from the shoreline. Rocks will also be needed to secure the cabin anchoring cables and to secure other and temporary structures such as tents, a bear fence. The proposed use of sand and rocks from the shoreline is to avoid disturbing archaeological sites/artefacts that are in the vicinity. Parks Canada is also considering other options, in particular the use of anchors that may involve digging within the footprint of the cabin.

The proposed amendment to the project is not exempt from screening as it involves possible impacts on the shoreline and on cultural resources. In compliance with Section 167 of NuPPAA, the Nunavut Field Unit is referring the proposal to the NIRB for a screening. The project description and associated documents are being submitted online through the NIRB’s application process.

If you have any questions regarding the referral, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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