

Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to achieve a number of required management actions for Nirjutiqarvik NWA as identified by the Nirjutiqarvik Area Co-Management Committee.
Project Proposed Timeline:	July to August 2024

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of a Twin Otter aircraft to transport personnel and equipment to Coburg Island from Resolute Bay and back;
- Use of a boat and All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) for surveying and moving of equipment to build temporary camp;
- Use of a helicopter for surveying of bird colony;
- Use of a DJI Mavic 3 drone for surveying purposes;
- Set up and use of temporary camp and a bear fence for the duration of the project;
- Use and storage of fuel at the temporary camp;
- Setting up an Automated Information System/Remote camera near the bird colonies;
- Maintenance work on the Intershelter Dome structure;
- Installing National Wildlife Area signage at each site;
- Recording of locations, description and photographs of the known archeological sites on Coburg Island;
- Greywater to be disposed of in a small pit and treated with lime; and
- Sewage to be disposed of and transported with garbage back to Resolute Bay.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry www.nirb.ca/project/125935 and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *NIRB Application*
- *Non-technical Summary*
- *Coburg Island Map*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by ECCC-CWS's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **May 28, 2024**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Additionally, please be aware that the NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are required to coordinate their processes¹ for projects that require a water licence, especially municipal undertakings in order ensure the timely review and processing of the application. In undertaking a coordinated NIRB-NWB process, the Proponent must provide information through the assessment to satisfy both the impact assessment requirements as well as the water licensing process; furthermore, where information to satisfy each process is similar, coordination of the timing or contents of applications may be considered when information is being submitted to both organizations. However, the Proponent has the option to request or opt out of a coordinated process at any time. Should the Proponent wish to discontinue the coordinated process, the Proponent may do so in writing to both the NIRB and the NWB.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125935.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or motokiak@nirb.ca.

¹ As per Sections 13.5.2 and 13.6.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, s. 193 of *NuPPAA*, and s. 37 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English, and Inuktitut)
Comment Forms (English, and Inuktitut)

cc: Distribution List
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