



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Fisheries and Oceans Canada's
"Kinngait beluga and walrus biopsy, tagging, camera, and
drone work" Project Proposal



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Keith Morrison
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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Fisheries and Oceans Canada's "Kinngait beluga and walrus biopsy, tagging, camera, and drone work" Project Proposal

Dear Keith Morrison,

On June 13, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Fisheries and Oceans Canada's "Kinngait beluga and walrus biopsy, tagging, camera, and drone work" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with relevant interested community members and organizations who are representative of Kinngait, including the Aiviq Hunters and Trappers Organization, who have an interest in the project proposal.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consult with Makivvik Corporation on its project proposal due to potential interest related to cultural activities.

As part of any consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including, but not limited to:

- Incorporation of Inuit Qaujjimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent disturbance to sites with cultural, archaeological, and/or environmental significance;



- Training and employment opportunities for Inuit and community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local and Inuit-owned businesses; and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact David Abernethy by e-mail at david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.ca.

Sincerely,



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