



## COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

<b>Project Proposal Title:</b>	Sealift Laydown Area		
<b>Proponent:</b>	Qillaq Innovations		
<b>Location:</b>	Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, Kitikmeot		
<b>Comments Due By:</b>	January 10, 2025	<b>NIRB #:</b>	24XN035

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

<input type="checkbox"/> no concerns	<input type="checkbox"/> traditional uses of land
<input type="checkbox"/> water quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Inuit harvesting activities
<input type="checkbox"/> terrain	<input type="checkbox"/> community involvement and consultation
<input type="checkbox"/> air quality	<input type="checkbox"/> local development in the area
<input type="checkbox"/> wildlife and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> tourism in the area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> marine mammals and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> human health issues
<input type="checkbox"/> birds and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fish and their habitat	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> heritage resources in area	_____

Please describe the concerns indicated above:

DFO has reviewed the Qillaq Innovations, Sealift Laydown Area, NIRB file number: 24XN035 in accordance with DFO's mandate and identified that the proposed development of the concrete boat ramp, pushout, and shipping routes could impact marine mammals, fish, and their habitats.

Marine mammals, fish and their habitat can be affected by construction activities through various mechanisms, including noise pollution, loss of riparian habitat during site clearing, erosion and sedimentation, release of deleterious substances into aquatic environments, disturbance during sensitive life stages, and the use of explosives in or near water. In addition, watercrafts (e.g., shipping vessels, cruise ships), pose risks to marine mammals by causing collisions and generating underwater noise.

**Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?**

DFO recommends the proponent clarify whether increased vessel traffic (e.g., shipping, cruise ships) is expected.

Based on the information that was submitted, DFO recommends the proponent to complete and submit a request for review form (<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/reviews-revues/request-review-demande-d-examen-004-eng.html>) as the application meets the criteria for a site specific review, as described on DFO's website (<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/reviews-revues/request-review-demande-d-examen-003-eng.html>).

In order to comply with the *Fisheries Act*, it is recommended that the Proponent follow DFO's protective measures for fish and fish habitat and standard codes of practice which can be found on DFO's website (<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/measures-mesures-eng.html>) and <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/practice-pratique-eng.html>).

