



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 24YN036

Project Name: The “**The truncate softshell clam as an indicator of eco-geochemical conditions around the community of Qikiqtarjuaq, Nunavut**” project

Proponent Name: Université du Québec à Rimouski - Institut des sciences de la mer

Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani Region

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125988

Comment Deadline: **August 23, 2024**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “The truncate softshell clam as an indicator of eco-geochemical conditions around the community of Qikiqtarjuaq, Nunavut” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 50 kilometres (km) from Qikiqtarjuaq. The Proponent intends to conduct research by examining the microplastics in softshell clams and understand how the components of the ecosystem are changing. The program is proposed to take place from August 2024 to September 2024. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Marine-based scientific research aiming to quantify marine ecosystem health nearby the community of Qikiqtarjuaq
- Sampling of oceanographic (sea surface/subsurface, inorganic carbon, oxygen) and biological data (phytoplankton, invertebrates)
- Use of boat to collect samples at 8 locations

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **24YN036** 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

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. 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 Tundra Kuliktana, Screening Officer toll-free at (867) 983-4612 or tkuliktana@nirb.ca.