



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 24YN040

Project Name: The “**Inuit Qaujisarnirmut Pilirijjutit on Arctic Shipping Risks in Inuit Nunangat**” project

Proponent Name: University of Ottawa

Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot, Kivalliq and Qikiqtani Regions

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 126000

Comment Deadline: **October 14, 2024**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Inuit Qaujisarnirmut Pilirijjutit on Arctic Shipping Risks in Inuit Nunangat” project is located within the all three regions. The Proponent intends to collect air, water, and sediment samples of the Northwest Passage to analyze and understand the risks of climate change and pollution due to anticipated increase in shipping traffic across Inuit Nunangat. The program is proposed to take place from 2022 to 2026. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Collect water samples from on board ships
- Collect water and sediment samples at shore locations along cruise ship routes
- Collect community-based sampling of air, water, and sediment
- Transit Nunavut waters from July to September 2024 and 2025

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **24YN040** 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 Robby Qammaniq, Impact Assessment Officer toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or rqammaniq@nirb.ca.