



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 24YN045

Project Name: The “Mapping nearshore coastal habitats and associated macroflora and fauna in the Qikiqtarjuaq area” project

Proponent Name: Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani Region

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 126003

Comment Deadline: **November 8, 2024**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Mapping nearshore coastal habitats and associated macroflora and fauna in the Qikiqtarjuaq area” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, coastal waters around Qikiqtarjuaq, Igarjuaq, and Kingelling Fiord. The Proponent intends to conduct research with two objectives: 1) Classify the plants and animals living on the seafloor near Qikiqtarjuaq, and 2) Define the biological communities that exists within the research area. The program is proposed to take place from 2024 to 2027. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Measure different parameters like temperature and depth of the seafloor using CTD (conductivity, temperature, depth) device
- Visit the selected research area by boat
- Drop cameras on the seafloor
- Take some pictures of the seafloor

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **24YN045** 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.