



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 24YN056

Project Name: The “Visiting the Spicer Islands of Foxe Basin” project
Proponent Name: Zachary Michael Frohman
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 126011
Comment Deadline: **January 17, 2025**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Visiting the Spicer Islands of Foxe Basin” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 106 kilometres (km) from Sanirajak. The Proponent intends to embark on a sailing trip through the Hudson Strait to arrive at the Spicer Islands of Foxe Basin to observe wildlife, conduct geological research, see archaeological sites and visit communities along the sailing route. The program is proposed to take place from August to December 2025. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Round trip voyage of 3–4 months starting mid-August 2025 to the Spicer Islands in the northern Foxe Basin by sailboat, with visits to Kimmirut, Kinngait, and Sanirajak on the sailing route.
- Activities for a total of 7 days (tentatively from September 15, 2025) on the North and South Spicer Islands
- Observing wildlife and using recreational drones to photograph and film wildlife and migratory birds at the islands.
- Documenting (by photograph and location) potential archaeological and palaeontological sites but no known sites were identified by the Proponent.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **24YN056** 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 Leila Cai, Impact Assessment Officer toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or lcail@nirb.ca.