



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 24YN037

Project Name: The “Ferguson Lake, Nunavut, Environmental Baseline Studies” project
Proponent Name: Canadian North Resources Inc.
Project Type: Research Region: Kivalliq
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 126014
Comment Deadline: **February 4, 2025**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Ferguson Lake, Nunavut, Environmental Baseline Studies” project is located within the Kivalliq region, approximately 165 kilometres (km) from Baker Lake. The Proponent intends to conduct feasibility studies of a possible winter road, all-weather road, and sea-link facilities that will connect to either Arviat or Baker Lake. The program is proposed to take place from June 2025 to October 2027. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Consult with the affected community members about the best possible route for the road and possibly the sea link,
- Install underwater cameras in lakes,
- Collect fish samples using different types of nets
- Conduct archaeological and traditional land use surveys

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **24YN037** 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.