



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 25YN018**

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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Michelle Kamula, Fisheries and Oceans Canada's "Physiological Response of Soft-Shell Clam Mya Truncata to Spring Microalgal Blooms" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani Region

Dear Jose Audet-Lecouffe:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Minister Margaret Nakashuk, Minister Responsible for the Nunavut Arctic College for Michelle Kamula, Fisheries and Oceans Canada's "Physiological Response of Soft-Shell Clam Mya Truncata to Spring Microalgal Blooms" in the Qikiqtani Region, dated June 3, 2025.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Minister that **a review of the project is not required** in accordance with s. 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, regulatory authorities should take note of s. 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: "A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to

proceed.” Contravention of s. 75(1) of the *NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact the undersigned at info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 25YN018 (June 3rd, 2025)

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