



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 25YN035

Project Name: The “Water Quality and Sediment Collection near Chesterfield Inlet, Whale Cove, Rankin Inlet, Baker Lake, Arviat, Naujaat, and Coral Harbour” project

Proponent Name: Prairie Scientific Inc.

Project Type: Research Region: Kivalliq

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca 126180

Comment Deadline: **June 23, 2025**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Water Quality and Sediment Collection near Chesterfield Inlet, Whale Cove, Rankin Inlet, Baker Lake, Arviat, Naujaat, and Coral Harbour” project is located within the Kivalliq region, near Chesterfield Inlet, Whale Cove, Rankin Inlet, Baker Lake, Arviat, Naujaat, and Coral Harbour. The Proponent intends to conduct scientific research by collecting water and sediment samples from the lakes near the mentioned communities twice a year. The program is proposed to take place from May 2025 to February 2029. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Collect water, fish, and sediment samples from lakes near each community in the Kivalliq region
- Use of fuel from each community for refueling of transportation equipment
- Removal of all wastes from research sites for disposal in each community; and local accommodations and facilities in each community
- Use of local accommodations and facilities in each community

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **25YN035** 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 Amir Pourmahabadian at apourmahabadian@nirb.ca.