COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

Project Proposal Title: **ECWG Bowhead Whale Photo Identification and Biopsy Sampling**

Proponent: **Fisheries & Oceans Canada**

Location: **Qikiqtani (North Baffin Region)**

Comments Due By: **June 27, 2025** **NIRB #:** **25YN040**

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

- ☒ no concerns
- ☐ water quality
- ☐ terrain
- ☐ air quality
- ☐ wildlife and their habitat
- ☐ marine mammals and their habitat
- ☐ birds and their habitat
- ☐ fish and their habitat
- ☐ heritage resources in area
- ☐ traditional uses of land
- ☐ Inuit harvesting activities
- ☐ community involvement and consultation
- ☐ local development in the area
- ☐ tourism in the area
- ☐ human health issues
- ☐ other:_____

Please describe the concerns indicated above:

DFO has reviewed the Fisheries and Oceans Canada, ECWG Bowhead Whale Photo Identification and Biopsy Sampling, NIRB# 25YN040 in accordance with DFO's mandate and has no comments at this time.

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?

DFO does not have any suggestions or recommendations for this application at this time.

Do you support the project proposal? Yes ☒ No ☐ Any additional comments?

DFO does not have any additional comments at this time.

Name of person commenting: Anna-Maija LaFlamme **of** Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada

Position: **FFHPP Biologist** **Organization:** Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada

Signature: Anna-Maija LaFlamme **Date:** 6/23/2025