



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 25YN037

Project Name: The “Assessment of Population Dynamics of Waterfowl in the Central Arctic” project
Proponent Name: University of Saskatchewan
Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 126184
Comment Deadline: **May 30, 2025**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Assessment of Population Dynamics of Waterfowl in the Central Arctic” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 40 kilometres (km) from Cambridge Bay. The Proponent intends to study the population dynamics of lesser snow geese and Ross’s geese annually from June to July, conducting a comprehensive project, following Karrak Lake best practices, to study arrival conditions of birds, nest initiation and fate, clutch size, and other arctic ecosystem components such as vegetation monitoring, sea duck population ecology, and small mammal indices. The program is proposed to take place from May 2025 to June 2029. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of a helicopter for transporting personnel and equipment/supplies
- Use of a temporary camp that will be taken down annually
- Daily use of 5m³ of water for camp use
- Combustible waste to be buried in latrine pits or flown out by helicopter for proper disposal

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **25YN037** 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 Francis Emingak, Screening Officer toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or femingak@nirb.ca.