



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 25YN043

Project Name: The “**Monitoring the movement, habitat use, and overall health and function of Arctic fishes across freshwater and marine ecosystems in the Cambridge Bay area**” project
Proponent Name: Les Harris
Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca 126201
Comment Deadline: **August 13, 2025**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Monitoring the movement, habitat use, and overall health and function of Arctic fishes across freshwater and marine ecosystems in the Cambridge Bay area” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 60 kilometres (km) from Cambridge Bay. The Proponent intends to conduct The Proponent intends to conduct comprehensive research on Arctic fish, including studies in ecotoxicology, physiology, acoustic tracking, and habitat use. The program is proposed to take place from March 2025 to May 2035 (*multi-year*). The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Implanting sixty (60) acoustic tags of varying dimensions in fish species (such as Arctic char, Lake trout, Cod, and Sculpin) for tracking via acoustic receivers.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **25YN043** 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 Varun Nayak, Monitoring Officer toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or vnayak@nirb.ca.