



## 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:

<b>Project Proposal Title:</b>	“Movement and genetics of whales in the Canadian Arctic using satellite telemetry, tissue biopsies, and photogrammetry”		
<b>Proponent:</b>	Fisheries and Oceans Canada		
<b>Location:</b>	Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani (South) Baffin Region		
<b>Comments Due By:</b>	August 15, 2025	<b>NIRB #:</b>	25YN053
<b>Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> no concerns	<input type="checkbox"/> traditional uses of land	<input type="checkbox"/> water quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Inuit harvesting activities
<input type="checkbox"/> terrain	<input type="checkbox"/> community involvement and consultation	<input type="checkbox"/> air quality	<input type="checkbox"/> local development in the area
<input type="checkbox"/> wildlife and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> tourism in the area	<input type="checkbox"/> marine mammals and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> human health issues
<input type="checkbox"/> birds and their habitat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <b>Regulatory oversight related to drones</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> fish and their habitat	
<input type="checkbox"/> heritage resources in area			
<b>Please describe the concerns indicated above:</b>			
Transport Canada (TC) understands that the proponent intends to use drones for the project and that the proponent is aware of the potential regulatory requirements Canadian Aviation Regulations.			
<b>Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?</b>			
For more information on Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) see the following:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of April 1, 2025, changes were made to the drone regulations in the <i>Canadian Aviation Regulations</i>. <a href="https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2025/2025-03-26/html/sor-dors70-eng.html">https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2025/2025-03-26/html/sor-dors70-eng.html</a></li> <li>• Here is a link to the <a href="#">Summary of changes made in 2025 to Canada's drone regulations</a>. Additional questions should be forwarded to <a href="mailto:TC.RPASINFO-INFOSATP.TC@tc.gc.ca">TC.RPASINFO-INFOSATP.TC@tc.gc.ca</a>.</li> <li>• Visit CARs Part IX: <a href="https://tc.canada.ca/en/corporate-services/acts-regulations/list-regulations/canadian-aviation-regulations-sor-96-433#part-ix">https://tc.canada.ca/en/corporate-services/acts-regulations/list-regulations/canadian-aviation-regulations-sor-96-433#part-ix</a></li> <li>• Visit the TC drone safety Web site: <a href="https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/drone-safety">https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/drone-safety</a></li> <li>• TC AIM – RPA chapter: <a href="https://www.tc.gc.ca/en/services/aviation/publications/tc-aim.html">https://www.tc.gc.ca/en/services/aviation/publications/tc-aim.html</a></li> <li>• Visit the NRC Drone Site Selection Tool <a href="https://cnrc.canada.ca/en/drone-tool/">https://cnrc.canada.ca/en/drone-tool/</a> and NAV Drone viewer <a href="https://map.navdrone.ca/">https://map.navdrone.ca/</a></li> <li>• Download the RPAS 101 Manual which provides general knowledge to Canadian RPA pilots: <a href="https://www.aerialevolution.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Nov-27-RPAS-101_EN-Final.pdf">https://www.aerialevolution.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Nov-27-RPAS-101_EN-Final.pdf</a></li> </ul>			




- To report an incident, safety issue or concern where an RPAS was involved, see <https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/drone-safety/report-drone-incident>
- For information about an upcoming special flight operations certificate (SFOC)—RPAS application, visit the SFOC-RPAS page of the TC Drone Safety Web site: <https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/drone-safety/drone-pilot-licensing/get-permission-special-drone-operations>. To obtain additional information or requests specific for a SFOC-RPAS application already made, e-mail to [TC.RPASCentre-CentreSATP.TC@tc.gc.ca](mailto:TC.RPASCentre-CentreSATP.TC@tc.gc.ca)

**Do you support the project proposal? Yes Y No N Any additional comments?**

Transport Canada takes no position on whether NIRB should approve this project.

**Name of person commenting:** Jackie Barker **of** Winnipeg

**Position:** Regional Environmental Advisor **Organization:** Transport Canada

**Signature:**  **Date:** August 12, 2025