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: "Movement and genetics of whales in the Canadian Arctic using satellite telemetry, tissue biopsies, and photogrammetry"

Proponent: Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Location: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani (South) Baffin Region

Comments Due By: **August 15, 2025** **NIRB #:** **25YN053**

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

X 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:

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program (DFO-FFHPP) has reviewed the documents in accordance with DFO's mandate and has no comments or recommendations at this time.

However, it remains the proponents responsibility to review and follow DFO's protective measures for fish and fish habitat and standard codes of practice which can be found on DFO's website (https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/measures-mesures-eng.html and https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/practice-practique-eng.html).

It is also the proponent's Duty to Notify DFO if they have caused, or are about to cause, the death of fish by means other than fishing and/or the harmful alteration, disruption, or the destruction of fish habitat. Such notification should be directed to DFO.ARCEMTriage-TriageGEARC.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?

DFO-FFHPP does not have any suggestions or recommendations for this application.

Do you support the project proposal? Yes ☒ No ☐ Any additional comments? DFO-FFHPP does not have any additional comments.	
Name of person commenting: Anna-Maija LaFlamme	**of** Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada
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Signature:	**Date:** 8/14/2025