



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 25YN058

Project Name: The “Characterizing Contaminant Levels in Softshell Clams in Frobisher Bay near Iqaluit” project

Proponent Name: University of Manitoba

Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 126210

Comment Deadline: **July 28, 2025**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Characterizing Contaminant Levels in Softshell Clams in Frobisher Bay near Iqaluit” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, Iqaluit within areas in Frobisher Bay and Koojesse Inlet. The Proponent intends to conduct research activities to assess contaminant levels in clams to quantify the role of wastewater effluent versus atmospheric transport of contaminants into the region. The program is proposed to take place from August 10, 2025 to October 10, 2025. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Collect a maximum of 100 clams from three (3) to five (5) locations using a bucket/hand
- Hire local guide with a boat to access clam sampling locations
- Purchase samples of other harvested aquatic species (e.g., Arctic char) from locals to track movement of contaminants across the food chain
- Conduct research work at the Nunavut Research Institute facilities
- Share scientific research results with community members and made available on public databases
- Use of local accommodations and facilities

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **25YN058** 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 Robby Qammaniq at rqammaniq@nirb.ca.