



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 25YN057

Project Name: The “Ocean Measurements in Frobisher Bay for Ecosystem Science and Spill Response” project

Proponent Name: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani Region

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 126211

Comment Deadline: **November 6, 2025**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Ocean Measurements in Frobisher Bay for Ecosystem Science and Spill Response” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 46 kilometers(km) Southeast from Iqaluit. The Proponent aims to build a comprehensive oceanographic dataset for Frobisher Bay to support scientific research, environmental protection, and emergency response planning. The program is proposed to take place from July 2025 to September 2028 multi-year operation. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of Canadian Coast Guard for project activities;
- Deployment of a multi-year oceanographic mooring in Frobisher Bay to collect comprehensive physical oceanographic data.
- Mooring equipment includes:
 - An anchor (train wheels), acoustic release, RBR CTD sensor to measure conductivity, temperature and depth, acoustic doppler current profiler, and a buoyancy floatation.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **25YN057** 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.