



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:	Ocean Measurements in Frobisher Bay for Ecosystem Science and Spill Response		
Proponent:	Fisheries and Oceans Canada		
Location:	Qikiqtani (South Baffin Region)		
Comments Due By:	November 6, 2025	NIRB #:	25YN057

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

☐ no concerns	☐ traditional uses of land
☐ water quality	☐ Inuit harvesting activities
☐ terrain	☐ community involvement and consultation
☐ air quality	☐ local development in the area
☐ wildlife and their habitat	☐ tourism in the area
☐ marine mammals and their habitat	☐ human health issues
☐ birds and their habitat	X other: <u>regulatory requirements</u>
☐ fish and their habitat	
☐ heritage resources in area	

Please describe the concerns indicated above:

- 1) This project proposes installing a mooring in or near the shipping lane to Iqaluit. Work in a navigable, scheduled waterway is subject to the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* (CNWA) and requires an application for approval under the CNWA depending on the final selected location. DFO is advised to contact the Navigation Protection Program (NPP) NPPPNR-PPNRPN@tc.gc.ca directly to discuss options.
- 2) Given that the proposed mooring location is in or near the recognized shipping lane to Iqaluit, TC recommends DFO do the following:
 - a. Coordinate with the Port of Iqaluit for any concerns.
 - b. Notify the Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS) of the project.
 - c. Issue a navigational warning (NAVWARN) warning in conjunction with the Canadian Coast Guard/Northern Canada Vessel Traffic Services Zone (NORDREG).
 - d. Notify Canadian Coast Guard Emergency Response about the project.
 - e. Considering the installation of a surface marker buoy equipped with radar reflectors and an AIS transponder for vessel awareness.

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?

N/A



Do you support the project proposal? Yes ☐ No ☐ Any additional comments? N/A	
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