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TITLE: Kivalliq-Baffin Connector Fibre Optic Marine Survey

OBJECTIVES OF RESEARCH:

The Project will connect four Nunavut communities to high-speed internet: Iqaluit, Kimmirut, and Kinngait on the southern coast of Baffin Island, and Salliq on Southampton Island. The Project will connect to an existing Branching Unit in Salluit. Dynamic Ocean Consulting Ltd. (Dynamic Ocean) has been retained by the GN Transportation and Infrastructure (TIN) as the regulatory specialist to support permitting for the Project. Prior to the detailed design of the Project, a marine survey is required. The marine survey was initiated in 2025 to conduct a geophysical, geotechnical and biological survey along the proposed marine cable route between Salliq, Kinngait and Kimmirut. Additional surveys are proposed for 2026 between Kimmirut and Iqaluit.

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DATA COLLECTION IN NU:

DATES: July 01, 2026-September 30, 2026

LOCATION: Coral Harbour, Kimmirut, Kinngait, Iqaluit (Marine route)

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