



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 25YN062

Project Name: The “Ocean Tracking Network: Marine fish tracking in Baffin Bay and connected waters onboard the RV Kiviuq 1” project

Proponent Name: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani Region

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 126223

Comment Deadline: **September 29, 2025**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Ocean Tracking Network: Marine fish tracking in Baffin Bay and connected waters onboard the RV Kiviuq 1” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, Davis Strait, and including Cumberland Sound. The Proponent intends to conduct scientific research to understand the movement patterns and ecology of Greenland Shark, Greenland Halibut and Arctic Skate. The program is proposed to take place from August 15, 2025, to October 31, 2025. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Deployment of new set of mooring in the outer half of Cumberland Sound;
- Retrieval of fish tracking moorings near Clyde River and Qikiqtarjuaq, near the Disco Fan Conservation Area and along the shelf break in Baffin Bay. Moorings would be refitted and redeployed;
- Use of chemicals and hazardous materials; and,
- Use of local accommodations in Iqaluit prior to and end of the research activities.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **25YN062** 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 Varun Nayak, Monitoring Officer at (867) 983-4607 or vnayak@nirb.ca.