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 Tracking Network: Marine fish tracking in Baffin Bay and connected waters onboard the RV Kiviuq 1		
Proponent:	Fisheries and Oceans Canada		
Location:	Qikiqtani Region		
Comments Due By:	**September 29, 2025**	**NIRB #:**	**25YN062**

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

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

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Please describe the concerns indicated above:

Transport Canada does not have concerns about the proposed project but is providing information regarding regulatory requirements under the Department's mandate.

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?

Transport Canada understands that the project involves the deployment of fish tracking moorings at several sites in the Arctic Ocean. The Arctic Ocean is a scheduled navigable waterway listed in the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* (CNWA). Works, such as the deployment of fish tracking moorings, in a scheduled navigable waterway may require an approval under the CNWA from Transport Canada. One exception to this is if the works are undertaken in a manner that satisfies all the requirements of the CNWA Minor Works Order (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/sor-2021-170/FullText.html) and in particular sections 1 to 11, 31 to 33 (Mooring Systems) and 39 (Scientific Equipment). If they have not already done so, the Proponent should complete a self-assessment using Transport Canada's Navigation Protection Program on-line Project Review Tool to determine the requirements of the CNWA for the Project (at: https://npp-submissions-demandes-ppn.tc.canada.ca/projectreview-outildexamenduprojet?GoCTemplateCulture=en-CA).

Additionally, all marine navigation, such as the use of the research vessel Kiviuq 1, for the Project must conform to applicable federal and territorial legislation, and particularly the requirements of the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001* and its associated regulations.

Do you support the project proposal? Yes ☐ No ☐ Any additional comments? Transport Canada takes no position regarding support for the project proposal.
Name of person commenting: Jackie Barker **of** Winnipeg **Position:** **Regional Environmental Advisor** **Organization:** Transport Canada **Signature:** **Date:** September 24, 2025