



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: <u>Aston Bay Property or Storm Project</u>	
Proponent: <u>Aston Bay Holdings</u>	
Location: <u>Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region</u>	
Comments Due By: <u>February 3, 2026</u> NIRB #: <u>25EN077</u>	
Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:	
<input type="checkbox"/> no concerns <input type="checkbox"/> water quality <input type="checkbox"/> terrain <input type="checkbox"/> air quality <input type="checkbox"/> wildlife and their habitat <input type="checkbox"/> marine mammals and their habitat <input type="checkbox"/> birds and their habitat <input type="checkbox"/> fish and their habitat <input type="checkbox"/> heritage resources in area	<input type="checkbox"/> traditional uses of land <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit harvesting activities <input type="checkbox"/> community involvement and consultation <input type="checkbox"/> local development in the area <input type="checkbox"/> tourism in the area <input type="checkbox"/> human health issues X other: _____ _____ _____
Please describe the concerns indicated above:	
N/A	
Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?	
<p>The proponent proposes, among other activities, water withdrawal via a screened pump intake from Aston River or lake adjacent to camp during spring (camp water) and a water source proximal to drill site (drill water). Works, such as water intakes, in navigable waterways are subject to the <i>Canadian Navigable Waters Act</i> (CNWA) and in some cases may require an approval under the CNWA. Works in non-navigable waters are not subject to the CNWA.</p> <p>The proponent is advised to self-assess using the Navigation Protection Program (NPP) Project Review Tool at https://npp-submissions-demands-ppn.tc.canada.ca/projectreview-outildexamenduprojet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the waterway is navigable, then the tool will allow assessment against the CNWA Minor Works Order (https://tc.canada.ca/en/programs/apply-navigation-protection-program/understanding-different-works). ○ If the intakes meet all the criteria of the CNWA Minor Works Order, the proponent must proceed with deposit of information and publication of a public notice but does not require an approval. ○ If the intakes do not meet all the criteria of the minor works order, the proponent may: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Submit a voluntary application for approval or; ▪ Proceed through the public resolution process. 	



Once the tool has been used, the results can be printed to PDF and submitted to TC.NPPPNR-PPNRPN.TC@tc.gc.ca.

Do you support the project proposal? Yes No Any additional comments?

N/A

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Signature: (Submitted via email) **Date:** January 23, 2026