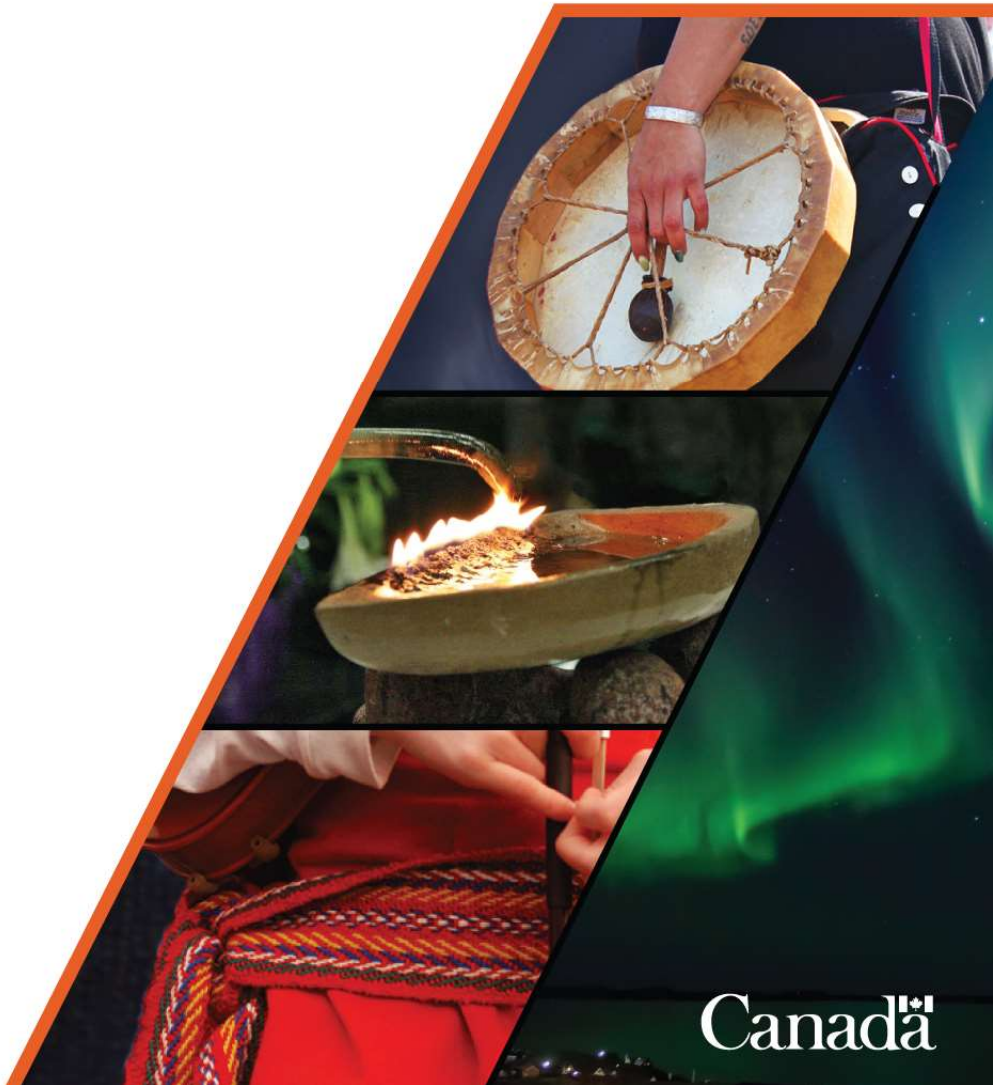




CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for University of Calgary's
"Expansion Missions Sea Ice Experiment (CEMSIE)"
Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for the University of Calgary’s “Expansion Missions Sea Ice Experiment (CEMSIE)” Project Proposal

Dear Viren Nasit,

On November 27, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on University of Calgary’s “Expansion Missions Sea Ice Experiment (CEMSIE)” project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB’s request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal

CIRNAC #1: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue its efforts to engage with the Municipality of Cambridge Bay, the Ekaluktutiak Hunters & Trappers Organization, the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, and any other relevant organizations and individuals who have an interest in its project proposal.

As part of these consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including but not limited to:

- Incorporation of Inuit Qauijimajatuqangit and Community Knowledge, in addition to scientific ways of knowing into project activities;
- Mitigation measures to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- Mitigation measures to prevent disturbance to sites of cultural, archaeological, and/or environmental significance;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional harvesting activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Training and employment opportunities for Inuit and community members;



- Procurement opportunities for local and Inuit-owned businesses; and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments. Should you have any questions, please contact David Abernethy by email at david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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