



**SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE No.: 25YN082**

NPC File No.: 150966

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Following the Nunavut Impact Review Board’s (NIRB or Board) assessment of all materials provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of Geological Survey of Canada’s “Community Bedrock Mapping Points of Interest” is not required pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.4.4(a) of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*).

Subject to the Proponent’s compliance with the terms and conditions as set out in below, issued in accordance with s. 92(2)(a) of *NuPPAA*, the NIRB is of the view that the project proposal is not likely to cause significant public concerns, and it is unlikely to result in significant adverse environmental and social impacts. The NIRB therefore recommends that the responsible Minister accepts this Screening Decision Report.

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REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The primary objectives of the NIRB are set out in Article 12, Section 12.2.5 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and are confirmed by s. 23 of the *NuPPAA*. The purpose of screening is provided for under Article 12, Section 12.4.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 88 of the *NuPPAA*.

As set out under Article 12, Section 12.4.4 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 92(1) of the *NuPPAA*, upon conclusion of the screening process, the Board must provide its written report the Minister indicating one of three options:

- (a) a review of the project is not required;
- (b) a review of the project is required; or
- (c) the project should be modified or abandoned.

PROJECT OVERVIEW & THE NIRB ASSESSMENT PROCESS

On November 14, 2025, the NIRB received a referral to screen Geological Survey of Canada’s “Community Bedrock Mapping Points of Interest” project proposal (NIRB File No: 25YN082) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable land use plan. All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB’s Public Registry by using any of the following search criteria or www.nirb.ca/project/126255.

- Project Name: Community Bedrock Mapping Points of Interest
- NIRB File No.: 25YN082
- NIRB Application No.: 126255
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Table 1: NIRB’s Assessment Process

Date	Stage
November 14, 2025	Receipt of project proposal and referral from the Commission.
November 18, 2025	Pursuant to s. 144(1) of the <i>NuPPAA</i> the NIRB requested the Proponent complete an online application to address information required for Screening
December 5, 2025	Receipt of online application from Proponent
December 11, 2025	Scoping pursuant to s. 86(1) of the <i>NuPPAA</i>
January 12, 2026	NIRB conducted an inclusion or exclusion of scope
January 13, 2026	Public engagement and comment request (which included draft terms and conditions) was issued in English with translations provided once available
February 4, 2026	Receipt of public comments
January 19, 2026	Pursuant to Article 12 s 12.4.5 of the <i>Nunavut Agreement</i> and s. 92(3) of the <i>NuPPAA</i> , an extension to the 45-day timeline for the provision of the Board’s Report was requested from the Minister of Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College
March 5, 2026	Issuance of Screening Decision Report

1. Project Scope

Location	Qikiqtani Region, primarily within and around the community of Kimmirut, and along the Itijjagial Trail extending toward Frobisher Bay, including portions of Katannilik Territorial Park.
Objective	The Proponent intends to conduct a three-week community bedrock mapping project near the Katannilik Territorial Park and along the Itijjagial Trail to Frobisher Bay, aiming to create a new “Points of Interest” feature on the SIKU mobile app.
Timeline	June 29, 2026 to July 20, 2026 (approximately three weeks)

As required under s. 86(1) of the *NuPPAA*, the Board accepted the scope of the project as set out by Geological Survey of Canada in the proposal. The scope of the project proposal includes the following undertakings, works, or activities:

- **Undertakings, Works and Activities (Summary)**
 - The Proponent will conduct community-based bedrock mapping and geoscience documentation at selected locations in and around Kimmirut and along the Itijjagial Trail within Katannilik Territorial Park;
 - Mapping will consist of **visual observation, photography, GPS documentation, and limited hand sampling** using small handheld geological tools;
 - Activities will be conducted on foot and, where appropriate, by truck or ATV using existing roads and trails. A five-day hike will be undertaken along the Itijjagial Trail to collect geoscience observations and;
 - One day of helicopter support will be used to access up to three bedrock locations within northeastern Katannilik Territorial Park and to demobilize project personnel to Iqaluit;
- **Fuel & Equipment Servicing**
 - Fuel will be used for ATV operations and one day of helicopter support only. No fuel will be stored, and all vehicles will be refueled prior to leaving.
 - All vehicles and equipment will be refueled prior to departure from established facilities
- **Camp**
 - No temporary camp will be established;
 - Personnel will use existing cabins in the territorial park;
 - No new structures, tents, or ground disturbance for accommodation.
- **Waste Management**
 - Minor non-hazardous waste will be generated
 - All waste will be removed and disposed of in Iqaluit using approved management facilities and procedures.
 - No waste will be left in the field or park areas

2. Inclusion or Exclusion to Scoping List

The NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

3. Public Comments and Concerns

As outlined in Table 1 above, notices regarding the NIRB's screening of this project proposal were distributed to community organizations as well as to relevant federal and territorial government agencies, Inuit organizations and other parties with a request for interested parties to provide the Board with any comments or concerns regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures).

On or before February 3, 2026, the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

Table 2: Comments Received

Commenting Party	NIRB Doc ID No.
Transport Canada	359199
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada	359271

a. Summary of Comments and Concerns Received

- No comments received from Transport Canada and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

4. b. Comments and Concerns with respect to Inuit Qaujimaningit, Indigenous and Community Knowledge

No concerns or comments were received with respect to Inuit Qaujimaningit or Indigenous and Community knowledge in relation to the proposed project. However, Inuit Qaujimaningit and Indigenous and community knowledge is incorporated into the terms and conditions recommended below based on information collected from prior and similar projects, data collected and mapped by the Commission, and other available sources.

ASSESSMENT OF THE PROJECT PROPOSAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 3 OF *NUPPAA*

In determining whether a review of the project is required, the Board considered whether the project proposal had potential to result in significant ecosystemic or socio-economic impacts. Table 3. The Board took particular care to consider Inuit Qaujimaningit, Indigenous and

Community Knowledge in carrying out its assessment and determination of the significance of impacts.

Table 3: Summary of the Board’s Assessment of Factors s. 90 NuPPAA

Factor	Comment
<p>The size of the geographic area, including the size of wildlife habitats, likely to be affected by the impacts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The geographic footprint of the Project is limited to discrete and temporary mapping locations in and around Kimmirut and along the Itijjagiq Trail, including selected sites within portions of Katannilik Territorial Park. ▪ The Project involves observational and low-impact field activities conducted primarily on foot, with limited use of existing trails and access routes. No vegetation clearing, ground disturbance, or habitat alteration is proposed. ▪ As a result, any potential effects on wildlife habitat would be localized, short-term, and reversible, and are not expected to extend beyond the immediate research sites or access areas.
<p>The ecosystemic sensitivity of that area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No specific areas of ecosystemic sensitivity have been identified by the Proponent within the physical footprint of the proposed project.
<p>The historical, cultural and archaeological significance of that area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No specific areas of historical, cultural and archaeological significance have been identified by the Proponent within the physical footprint of the proposed project.
<p>The size of the human and the animal populations likely to be affected by the impacts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The proposed Project involves a small number of personnel over a short duration and does not restrict land access, displace users, or interfere with community activities. As such, it is not expected to affect local human populations at a community or regional scale. ▪ With respect to wildlife, the Project does not involve habitat alteration, vegetation clearing, or land disturbance. Activities are observational, temporary, and localized. Any interactions with animals would be incidental and short-term. Accordingly, the Project is not expected to result in effects on animal populations at a population or species level.
<p>The nature, magnitude and complexity of the impacts; the probability of the impacts occurring; the frequency and duration of the impacts; and the reversibility or irreversibility of the impacts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The potential zone of influence is limited to the immediate sampling locations and nearby access routes, as all activities are small-scale, localized, and non-invasive. ▪ The nature of the impacts is low-intensity, the magnitude and complexity are minimal, the

Factor	Comment
	probability of occurrence is low, and any effects would be temporary and fully reversible.
The cumulative impacts that could result from the impacts of the project combined with those of any other project that has been carried out, is being carried out or is likely to be carried out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Table 4 is a list of past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects. The Board recommended terms and conditions along with mitigation measures designed with consideration for the potential for cumulative effects in the Board Views section. ▪ While several past, present, and proposed projects have been identified in and around Kimmirut and Iqaluit, the majority are seasonal research activities or fixed-location infrastructure projects that do not spatially or functionally overlap with the proposed sampling sites. The proposed project is small-scale, temporary, and non-invasive, involving localized soil sampling. Given the limited spatial footprint, short duration, and absence of habitat alteration or emissions, the project is not expected to interact with other projects in a manner that would result in cumulative effects.
Any other factor that the Board considers relevant to the assessment of the significance of impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No other relevant factors were identified; however, see below for Regulatory Requirements mandating mitigation and/or reporting.

Regulatory Requirements

The Proponent is also advised that the following legislation may apply to the Project:

Acts and Regulations

1. The *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/M-7.01/>), the *Migratory Birds Regulations* (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._1035/index.html) and the *Migratory Bird Sanctuary Regulations* (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._1036/index.html).
2. The *Species at Risk Act* (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/s-15.3/>). Attached in Appendix A is a list of Species at Risk in Nunavut.
3. The *Wildlife Act (Nunavut)* and its corresponding regulations (<http://www.canlii.org/en/nu/laws/stat/snu-2003-c-26/latest/snu-2003-c-26.html>).
4. The *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-15.31/>).
5. The *Aeronautics Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-2/>) and the *Canadian Aviation Regulations* (<https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/acts-regulations/regulations-sor96-433.html>).

Table 4: Past, Present, and Reasonably Foreseeable Projects Considered

NIRB Project Number	Project Title	Project Type
<i>Proposed Developments – undergoing assessment</i>		
25YN087	Kimmirut Sealift Field Program	Research
25YN076	Assessing changing cryohydrogeologic conditions with locally-relevant landscape indicators in Nunavut, Canada	Research
25XN041	Long Term Water Project (LTWP)	Infrastructure
<i>Present Projects – approved or in operation</i>		
25TN072	Adventure Canada 2026 Expeditions – Ocean Nova	Tourism (seasonal)
22WA059	Application for the Water Licence Amendment of the Municipality of Kimmirut #3BM-KIM1929	Municipal and Industrial Development
25YN045	Arctic Coast – Nunavut Community-based Monitoring 2025/2026	Scientific Research
23YA018	Arctic coastal and drifting ice processes and dynamics (project amendment)	Scientific Research
25YN020	Assessing oil related contaminants in birds in Nunavut	Scientific Research
25YN044	Characterization of Shoreline Litter in the Canadian Arctic	Scientific Research
24YN040	Inuit Qaujisarnirmut Piliirijutit on Arctic Shipping Risks in Inuit Nunangat	Scientific Research
19QN021	Iqaluit North 40 Granular Production 2021	Pits & Quarries
25UN049	Kivalliq-Baffin Connector Marine Survey	Marine Based Activities
25YN057	Ocean Measurements in Frobisher Bay for Ecosystem Science and Spill Response	Scientific Research
25YN061	The Kivalliq-Baffin Connector Horizontal Directional Drilling Engineering Support Program	Scientific Research
22MN025	Chidliak Diamond Mine	Mine Development
<i>Past Projects</i>		
06YN071	2025 scientific expedition onboard the research icebreaker CCGS Amundsen	Research
25YN058	Characterizing contaminant levels in softshell clams in Frobisher Bay near Iqaluit, NU	Scientific Research
24YN026	Estimating the abundance of the Foxe Basin polar bear subpopulation	Scientific Research
14QN039	Extracting, Crushing & Screening Granular Material From Iqaluit NorthWest Deposit	Pits & Quarries
15XN051	Installation of Incinerator	Other
19WA041	Iqaluit 2019 Emergency Water Supply Project	Water
25YN028	Iqaluit Coastal Baseline Study 2025	Scientific Research
22YN056	Iqaluit Community Fishers – DFO OPP	Scientific Research
23YN040	Long Term Water Project – Geotechnical Investigations	Scientific Research

NIRB Project Number	Project Title	Project Type
23TN032	Ocean Nova 2023 – Arctic Cruises	Tourism
24YN012	OPP 2.0 Baseline Shoreline Mapping 2024	Scientific Research
20YN024	Port Settlement Fog and Air Quality Study in Iqaluit	Scientific Research
21YN028	Qikiqtani Marine Renewable Energy Resource Assessment	Marine Based Research Activities
23YN010	Renewable Energy Microgrid Integration for Remote, Off-grid Cabins in Nunavut	Scientific Research
22YN027	RESPONSE OF NITROGEN FIXATION IN LICHENS AND BRYOPHYTES TO A RAPIDLY CHANGING ARCTIC ENVIRONMENT	Scientific Research
23TA031	Silver Endeavour 2023 – Arctic Cruise Voyages	Tourism
22TN037	Swan Hellenic Vega – Arctic Cruises 2022	Tourism
25YN027	Sylvia Grinnell Geoscience Program	Scientific Research
24YN056	Visiting the Spicer Islands of Foxe Basin	Tourism
22YN051	‘Kaujivalliajut nillikulunnik Getting to know little geese.’	Scientific Research
23YN041	Ecology of Arctic songbirds	Scientific Research
23YN066	Multi-species marine mammal aerial survey in the Ungava Bay and Hudson Strait areas	Scientific Research

VIEWS OF THE BOARD

In considering the above factors, the Board has identified the following and respectfully provides its views regarding whether or not the proposed project has the potential to result in significant impacts. The NIRB has also proposed terms and conditions that would mitigate the potential adverse impacts identified.

Ecosystem, wildlife habitat and Inuit harvesting activities:

Valued Component	Migratory and non-migratory birds, terrestrial and Species at Risk
Potential effects:	Temporary and localized disturbance to wildlife due to short-term human presence and movement near sampling locations.
Nature of Impacts:	The potential for impacts is considered to be low in magnitude and complexity due to short-term human presence and movement near sampling locations.
Mitigating Factors:	Impacts will be mitigated by conducting activities primarily on foot, and restricting helicopter use to accessing three sampling locations. Helicopter landings will occur in stable areas, and the aircraft will be shutdown while ground-based observations are conducted.
Proposed Terms and Conditions:	Waste Management – 6 Wildlife – General – 7 through 10 Migratory Birds and Raptors Disturbance – 11

Valued Component	Vegetation and Soils
Potential effects:	The potential effects on vegetation and soils are minor, localized, and temporary, resulting from foot access and helicopter access to discrete bedrock observation locations.
Nature of Impacts:	The impacts are low in magnitude and complexity and are expected to be temporary and reversible.
Mitigating Factors:	The proponent will mitigate impacts by conducting activities primarily on foot, limiting ground interaction to observational activities, and avoiding vegetation clearing, excavation, or soil disturbance. Helicopter landings will occur in stable areas minimizing surface disturbance and soil compaction.
Proposed Terms and Conditions:	Waste Management – 6 Road and Ground Disturbance - 11

Valued Component	Public and Traditional Land Use in the Area
Potential effects:	No specific concerns or impacts to public and traditional land use activities in the area have been identified, however, the Board is recommending terms and conditions to ensure project activities are informed by available Inuit Qaujimaningit and that project activities do not interfere with Inuit wildlife harvesting or traditional land use activities.
Nature of Impacts:	Low magnitude, low probability, localized, short-term, and fully reversible.
Mitigating Factors:	Short duration of field activities; small team size; use of existing trails and access routes; no restriction of access to land or waterbodies; localized and temporary presence.
Proposed Terms and Conditions:	Other – 12 through 15

Socio-economic effects on northerners:

Valued Component	Socio-economics
Potential effects:	Potential positive impacts from the hiring of local community members for various projects and activities.
Nature of Impacts:	Potential for impacts is considered to be positive if the Proponent adheres to its commitment to hiring locally to the extent possible.
Mitigating Factors:	The Board is recommending terms and conditions to ensure that the Proponent continues to inform the communities of the ongoing site activities and to ensure community members are aware of and best able to successfully connect with hiring opportunities.

Proposed Terms and Conditions:	Other – 15
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Technological innovations for which the effects are unknown:

- No specific issues have been identified associated with this project proposal.

Administrative Conditions:

To encourage compliance with applicable regulatory requirements and assist the Board and responsible authorities with compliance and effects monitoring for project activities, the following project-specific terms and conditions have been recommended: 1-5.

In considering the above factors and subject to the Proponent’s compliance with regulatory requirements and the terms and conditions necessary to mitigate against the potential adverse environmental and social effects, the Board is of the view that the proposed project is unlikely to cause significant public concern and its adverse ecosystemic and socioeconomic impacts are unlikely to be significant, or are highly predictable and can be adequately mitigated by known technologies.

RECOMMENDED PROJECT-SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Board is recommending the following specific terms and conditions to apply in respect of the project:

General

1. Geological Survey of Canada (the Proponent) shall maintain a copy of the Project Terms and Conditions at the site of operation at all times and make it accessible to enforcement officers upon request.
2. The Proponent shall operate in accordance with all commitments stated in correspondence provided to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC File No.: 150966), File No.: 25YN082) and the NIRB (Online Application Form, December 5, 2025). This information should be accessible to enforcement officers upon request.
3. The Proponent shall operate the site in accordance with all applicable Acts, Regulations and Guidelines.
4. The Proponent shall ensure that it meets the standards and/or limits as set out in the authorizing agencies’ permits or licences as required for this project.
5. The Proponent shall ensure that all personnel, staff and contractors are adequately trained prior to commencement of all project activities, and shall be made aware of all operational plans, management plans, guidelines and Proponent commitments relating to the project.

Waste Management

6. The Proponent shall manage all hazardous and non-hazardous waste including food, domestic wastes, debris and petroleum-based chemicals (e.g., greases, gasoline, glycol-

based antifreeze) in such a manner to avoid release into the environment and access to wildlife at all times until disposed of appropriately or at an approved facility.

Wildlife – General

7. The Proponent shall not substantially alter or damage or destroy any wildlife habitat in conducting this operation unless otherwise authorized by the appropriate authorizing agencies.
8. The Proponent shall ensure that all wildlife have the right-of-way on any roads or trails. Vehicles are required to slow down or stop and wait to permit the free and unrestricted movement of wildlife across roads or trails at any location.

Migratory Birds and Raptors Disturbance

9. The Proponent shall carry out all phases of the project in a manner that protects migratory birds and avoids harming, killing or disturbing migratory birds or destroying, disturbing or taking their nests or eggs. In this regard, the Proponent shall take into account Environment and Climate Change Canada's *Avoidance Guidelines*. The Proponent's actions in applying the *Avoidance Guidelines* shall be in compliance with the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994* and with the *Species at Risk Act*.
10. The Proponent shall not disturb or destroy the nests or eggs of any birds. If active nests of any birds are discovered or located (i.e., with eggs or young), the Proponent shall avoid these areas until nesting is complete and the young have naturally left the vicinity of the nest by establishing a protection buffer zone¹ appropriate for the species and the surrounding habitat.

Road and Ground Disturbance

11. The Proponent shall not move any equipment or vehicles unless the ground surface is in a state capable of fully supporting the equipment or vehicles without rutting or gouging. Overland travel of equipment or vehicles must be suspended if rutting occurs.

Other

12. The Proponent should engage with local residents regarding planned activities in the area and should solicit available Inuit Qaujimaningit and information regarding current recreational and traditional usage of the project area which may inform project activities. Posting of translated public notices and direct engagement with potentially interested groups and individuals prior to undertaking project activities is strongly encouraged
13. The Proponent should consult with local residents regarding their activities in the area and solicit available Inuit Qaujimaningit and information that can inform project activities.
14. The Proponent shall ensure that project activities do not interfere with Inuit wildlife harvesting or traditional land use activities.
15. The Proponent should, to the extent possible, hire local people and access local services where possible.

OTHER NIRB CONCERNS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In addition to the project-specific terms and conditions, the Board is recommending the following:

Change in Project Scope

1. Responsible authorities or Proponent shall notify the Nunavut Planning Commission and/or Parks Canada as appropriate, and the NIRB of any changes in operating plans or conditions, including phase advancement, associated with this project prior to any such change.

Copy of licences, etc. to the Board and Commission

2. The NIRB respectfully requests that responsible authorities submit a copy of each licence, permit or other authorization issued for the Project to the NIRB to assist in enabling possible project monitoring that may be required. Please forward a copy of the licences, permits and/or other authorizations to the NIRB directly at info@nirb.ca or upload a copy to the NIRB's online registry at www.nirb.ca.

Use of Inuit Qaujimaningit

3. The Proponent is encouraged to work with local communities and knowledge holders to inform project design, to carry out the project, and to confirm or validate the perspectives represented in publications, and reports as part of the project. Care should be taken to ensure that Inuit Qaujimaningit and local knowledge collected for the project is used with permission and is accurately represented.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing constitutes the Board's screening decision with respect to the Geological Survey of Canada's "Community Bedrock Mapping Points of Interest". The NIRB remains available for consultation with the Minister regarding this report as necessary.

Dated March 5, 2026 at Iqaluit, NU.



Albert Ehaloak, Acting Chairperson

Attachments: Appendix A: Species at Risk in Nunavut

APPENDIX A: SPECIES AT RISK IN NUNAVUT

Due to the requirements of Section 79(2) of the *Species at Risk Act*, S.C. 2002, c. 29 (*SARA*), and the potential for project-specific adverse effects on listed wildlife species and its critical habitat, measures should be taken as appropriate to avoid or lessen those effects, and the effects need to be monitored. Project effects could include species disturbance, attraction to operations and destruction of habitat. This section applies to all species listed on Schedule 1 of *SARA*, as listed in the table below, or have been assessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), which may be encountered in the project area. This list may not include all species identified as at risk by the Territorial Government. The following points provide clarification on the applicability of the species outlined in the table.

- Schedule 1 is the official legal list of Species at Risk for *SARA*. *SARA* applies to all species on Schedule 1. The term “listed” species refers to species on Schedule 1.
- Schedule 2 and 3 of *SARA* identify species that were designated at risk by the COSEWIC prior to October 1999 and must be reassessed using revised criteria before they can be considered for addition to Schedule 1.
- Some species identified at risk by COSEWIC are “pending” addition to Schedule 1 of *SARA*. These species are under consideration for addition to Schedule 1, subject to further consultation or assessment.

If species at risk are encountered or affected, the primary mitigation measure should be avoidance. The Proponent should avoid contact with or disturbance to each species, its habitat and/or its residence. All direct, indirect, and cumulative effects should be considered. Refer to species status reports and other information on the Species at Risk Registry at <http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca> for information on specific species.

Monitoring should be undertaken by the Proponent to determine the effectiveness of mitigation and/or identify where further mitigation is required. As a minimum, this monitoring should include recording the locations and dates of any observations of Species at Risk, behaviour or actions taken by the animals when project activities were encountered, and any actions taken by the proponent to avoid contact or disturbance to the species, its habitat, and/or its residence. This information should be submitted to the appropriate regulators and organizations with management responsibility for that species, as requested.

For species primarily managed by the Territorial Government, the Territorial Government should be consulted to identify other appropriate mitigation and/or monitoring measures to minimize effects to these species from the project.

Mitigation and monitoring measures must be undertaken in a way that is consistent with applicable recovery strategies and action/management plans.

Schedules of *SARA* are amended on a regular basis, so it is important to check the *SARA* registry (www.sararegistry.gc.ca) to get the current status of a species.

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Terrestrial Species at Risk ¹	COSEWIC Designation	Schedule of SARA	Government Organization with Primary Management Responsibility ²
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Special Concern	Schedule 1	Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
Common Nighthawk	Threatened	Schedule 1	ECCC
Eskimo Curlew	Endangered	Schedule 1	ECCC
Harlequin Duck	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Harris's Sparrow	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Horned Grebe	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Ivory Gull	Endangered	Schedule 1	ECCC
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Threatened	Schedule 1	ECCC
Peregrine Falcon	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Red Knot Islandica Subspecies	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Red-necked Phalarope	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Ross's Gull	Threatened	Schedule 1	ECCC
Rusty Blackbird	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Short-eared Owl	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Porsild's Bryum	Threatened	Schedule 1	Government of Nunavut (GN)
Transverse Lady Beetle	Special Concern	No Schedule	GN
Caribou (Dolphin and Union Population)	Endangered	Schedule 1	GN
Caribou (Barren-ground Population)	Threatened	No Schedule	GN
Caribou (Torngat Mountains Population)	Endangered	No Schedule	GN
Grizzly Bear (Western Population)	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Peary Caribou	Endangered	Schedule 1	GN
Polar Bear	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Wolverine	Special Concern	Schedule 1	GN
Atlantic Walrus (High Arctic Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
Atlantic Walrus (Central/Low Arctic Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO
Beluga Whale (Cumberland Sound Population)	Threatened	Schedule 1	DFO
Beluga Whale (Eastern Hudson Bay Population)	Endangered	No Schedule	DFO
Beluga Whale (Eastern High Arctic-Baffin Bay Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO
Beluga Whale (Western Hudson Bay Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO
Atlantic Cod (Arctic Lakes Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO
Fourhorn Sculpin (Freshwater Form)	Data Deficient	Schedule 3	DFO
Lumpfish	Threatened	No Schedule	DFO
Thorny Skate	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO

¹ The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has responsibility for aquatic species.

² Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has a national role to play in the conservation and recovery of Species at Risk in Canada, as well as responsibility for management of birds described in the Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA). Day-to-day management of terrestrial species not covered in the MBCA is the responsibility of the Territorial Government. Populations that exist in National Parks are also managed under the authority of the Parks Canada Agency.