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Re: Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program Kimmirut Sealift Field Program Nunavut Impact Review Board Public Comment Period (25YN087)

Dear Sarah and Viren,

1 Project Overview

Worley Canada Services Ltd., operating as Worley Consulting, has been retained by the Government of Nunavut – Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut (GN-TIN) to support the design of Sealift safety improvements in Kimmirut, Nunavut (the Project, see Appendix A (Drawing A-1)). Kimmirut is located on southern Baffin Island, on the western shore of Glasgow Bay (within Meta Incognita Peninsula), in the Qikiqtaaluk Region of Nunavut (62° 50.845'N, 69° 52.152'W, see Appendix A (Figure A-1)). Dynamic Ocean Consulting Ltd (Dynamic Ocean) is supporting Worley Consulting on the permitting requirements for the Project.

To inform the design phase, several field programs will be undertaken over the next few years, initiating in 2026 (collectively referred to as the Program).

The intention of the Program, will be as below:

- Conduct environmental, geological, geophysical, and archaeological baseline studies.
- Perform a geotechnical program to confirm seabed and quarry rock conditions.
- Topographic and bathymetric surveys.
- Existing conditions or effects studies during or post-construction of the Project.

For a detailed description of the surveys involved in each program, see Section 3.1 (Table 3-1) in the NIRB Application Letter (Dynamic Ocean, 2026).

2 Information Request Response

2.1 Background

The Kimmirut Sealift Field Program Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) application was submitted on 08 January 2026 (NIRB, 2026c) with the application accepted as complete on 20 January 2026. The screening assessment pursuant to Section 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* was initiated. The NIRB requested interested parties to submit comments on the Project over a 21-day Public Comment Period, which initiated on 22 January 2026 (NIRB, 2026b). The GN-TIN received a request from the NIRB on 19 February 2026 (NIRB, 2026d) (see list below) to respond to comment submissions (hereafter referred to as Information Request [IR]).

- Transport Canada (TC), 10 February 2026 (TC, 2026).
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), 12 February 2026 (ECCC, 2026).
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) – Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program (FFHPP), 12 February 2026, (DFO-FFHPP, 2026).
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), 13 February 2026 (CIRNAC, 2026).

The NIRB issued a ministerial extension request for the screening on the Program’s Proposal to the Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs on 02 March 2026, where NIRB anticipated to provide their screening decision on 30 March 2026 (NIRB, 2026a).

2.2 Letter Intention

This letter supports the GN-TIN’s response to DFO-FFHPP. The DFO-FFHPP IR is provided in Appendix B.

The Program acknowledges that DFO-FFHPP is the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for pertinent legislation as below:

- *Fisheries Act* Subsections:
 - 34.4(1): Death of Fish.
 - 35(1): Harmful Alteration, Disruption or Destruction (HADD).
- Marine Mammal Regulations (MMR).
- Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations (AISR).
- *Species at Risk Act* (SARA): Sections 32, 33 and subsection 58(1).
- Marine Transportation Security Regulations.

The Kimmirut Sealift Field Program’s Environmental Management Plan (EMP, (Dynamic Ocean, 2025)) details the monitoring and mitigation measures that will be employed to minimize negative effects to fish and fish habitat.

2.3 Response

We appreciate DFO-FFHPP taking the time to support the NIRB during the Public Comment Period and acknowledge the recommendations made. A detailed response to the DFO-FFHPP IR is provided in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1: Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program Information Requests

ID No.	DFO-FFHPP Information Request	DFO-FHPP Recommendation	Response
Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program Compliance			
Reference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kimmirut Sealift Field Program EMP (Dynamic Ocean, 2025). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Table 5-4: Fish and Fish Habitats (including Marine Mammals). ○ Section 5.6: Stop Work. 			
1	This comment is an acknowledgement of DFO-FFHPP’s review of the NIRB File No.: 25YN087, Kimmirut Sealift Field Program, to support the detailed design of the sealift facilities, and a confirmation that the Program is in accordance with DFO’s mandate.	It remains the proponent’s responsibility to review and follow DFO’s protective measures for fish and fish habitat and standard codes of practice which can be found on DFO’s website (https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/measure-mesures-eng.html and https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/practice-pratique-eng.html).	Acknowledged. The Project Team will continue to review and follow DFO’s protective fish and fish habitat and standard codes of practice. Measures to minimize these effects have been included in the EMP (Dynamic Ocean, 2025).
		It is also the proponent’s Duty to Notify DFO if they have caused, or are about to cause, the death of fish by means other than fishing and/or the harmful alteration, disruption, or the destruction of fish habitat. Such notification should be directed to DFO.ARCENTriage-TriageGEARC.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca	Acknowledged. This requirement has been incorporated into Section 5.4.1 (Table 5-1, G4), and Section 5.6 of the EMP (Dynamic Ocean, 2025), and is repeated below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All activities will be suspended should any dead fish or wildlife (both marine and terrestrial), or any injured wildlife be observed during any works or activities in and around the marine waters. Activities may only be resumed on the recommendation of the authorizing agencies.

3 Summary and Closing

We appreciate DFO-FFHPP taking the time to participate in the NIRB’s Public Comment Period and are available for further discussions if needed. If you require any clarification on our responses, or have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Laura Borden (see Table 3-1).

Table 3-1: Contact Information

Information	Details
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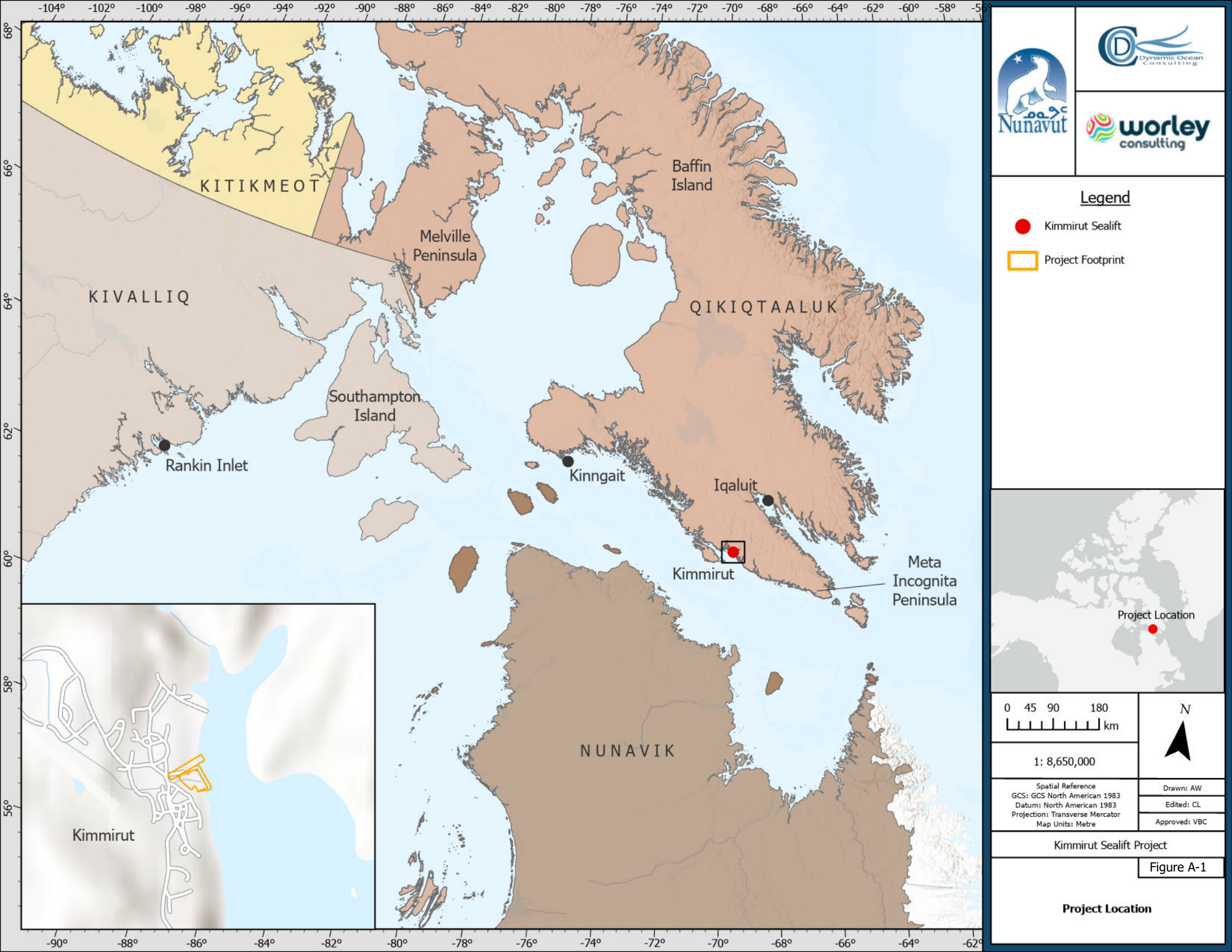
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- The Arctic Triage, dfo.arcemtriage-triagegearc.mpo@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

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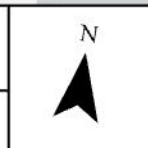
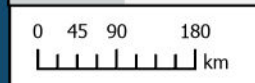
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- NIRB. (2026a). Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut's "Kimmirut Sealift Field Program" Project Proposal. From NIRB (Dionna Filiatrault) to Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs (Rebecca Chartrand). Received 02 March 2026.
- NIRB. (2026b). NIRB 126257/25YN087: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for GN-TIN's "Kimmirut Sealift Field Program" Project Proposal. Email correspondence from NIRB (Brittany Hogaluk) to GN-TIN (Grant Woodbury) on 22 January 2026.
- NIRB. (2026c). NIRB 126257: Application accepted for GN-TIN's "Kimmirut Sealift Field Program" Project Proposal. Email correspondence from NIRB (Calvin Ehaloak) to GN-TIN (Grant Woodbury) on 8 January 2026.
- NIRB. (2026d). Re: Opportunity to Address Comments regarding Grant Woodbury's "Kimmirut Sealift Field Program" project proposal. File No. 25YN087. Issued on 19 February 2026.
- Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*. SC 2013, c. 14, s. 2. Last amended: May 27, 2022. Available at: <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/N-28.75/>. Accessed: August 2025.
- Species at Risk Act*. S.C. 2002, c. 29. Last amended: June 17, 2024. Available at: <https://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/s-15.3/>. Accessed: January 2025.
- TC. (2026). Comment form for NIRB Screenings. Kimmirut Sealift Field Program. Issued to NIRB. No. 25YN087. 10 February 2026.

Appendix A: Supporting Figures



Legend

- Kimmirut Sealift
- Project Footprint



1: 8,650,000

Spatial Reference
 GCS: GCS North American 1983
 Datum: North American 1983
 Projection: Transverse Mercator
 Map Units: Metre

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Kimmirut Sealift Project

Figure A-1

Project Location

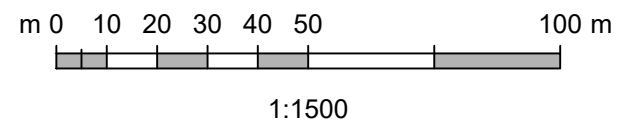


KEY PLAN
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LEGEND:

- ⊙ **POWER / LIGHT POLE**
- x— **FENCE**
- M **GATE**

PLAN
1:1500



	GOVERNMENT OF NUNAVUT HAMLET OF KIMMIRUT			
	OCEANS PROTECTION PLAN SUBMISSION Drawing A-1 GENERAL ARRANGEMENT - SEALIFT EXPANSION			
	Date: 25-JAN-23	Drawn by: CH	Edited by: JLC	App'd by: HGK
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Appendix B: Information Requests



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:	Kimmirut sealift field program		
Proponent:	Grant Woodbury		
Location:	South Qikiqtani region		
Comments Due By:	February 12 ,2026	NIRB #:	25YN087
Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no concerns	<input type="checkbox"/> traditional uses of land		
<input type="checkbox"/> water quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Inuit harvesting activities		
<input type="checkbox"/> terrain	<input type="checkbox"/> community involvement and consultation		
<input type="checkbox"/> air quality	<input type="checkbox"/> local development in the area		
<input type="checkbox"/> wildlife and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> tourism in the area		
<input type="checkbox"/> marine mammals and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> human health issues		
<input type="checkbox"/> birds and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> fish and their habitat	_____		
<input type="checkbox"/> heritage resources in area	_____		
Please describe the concerns indicated above:			
<p>The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program (DFO-FFHPP) has reviewed the Government of Nunavut's project Proposal for the Kimmirut Sealift Field Program, to support the detailed design of the sealift facilities, in accordance with DFO's mandate and has no comments or recommendations at this time.</p>			
Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?			
<p>However, it remains the proponents responsibility to review and follow DFO's protective measures for fish and fish habitat and standard codes of practice which can be found on DFO's website (https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/measures-mesures-eng.html and https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/practice-pratique-eng.html).</p> <p>It is also the proponent's Duty to Notify DFO if they have caused, or are about to cause, the death of fish by means other than fishing and/or the harmful alteration, disruption, or the destruction of fish habitat. Such notification should be directed to DFO.ARCEMTriage-TriageGEARC.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca</p>			

