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**Re: Transport Canada Kimmirut Sealift Field Program Nunavut Impact Review Board Public Comment Period (25YN087)**

Dear Scott 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).

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).

### 2.2 Letter Intention

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

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

- *Canadian Navigable Waters Act, 1985.*
- *Canada Shipping Act, 2001.*
- *Marine Liability Act, 2001.*
- Arctic Shipping Safety and Pollution Prevention Regulations.
- *Arctic Waters Pollution Prevent Act, 1985.*

- *Marine Transportation Security Act, 1994.*
- Marine Transportation Security Regulations.
- Collision Regulations.

There are no activities pertinent to the Program relevant to marine navigation, that will not be met through compliance with the legislation as summarized above. Activities pertinent to navigation are restricted to those occurring in the open-water season and are thus on small vessels, that will be exclusively working in the areas surrounding the proposed sealift site.

### 2.3 Response

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

**Table 2-1: Transport Canada Information Requests**

ID No.	TC Information Request	TC Recommendations	Response
<b>Canadian Navigable Waters Act</b>			
1	<p>If an approval under the Canadian Navigable Waters Act is required, the proponent can submit their application for approval through Transport Canada’s Navigation Protection Program external submission site: <a href="https://npp-submissions-demandes-ppn.tc.canada.ca/auth/login-connexion?ret=/&amp;GoCTemplateCulture=en-CA">https://npp-submissions-demandes-ppn.tc.canada.ca/auth/login-connexion?ret=/&amp;GoCTemplateCulture=en-CA</a>. Transport Canada will review the application and details of the work and its potential impacts to navigation and if acceptable, issue a CNWA approval with any needed terms and conditions.</p>	<p>The proponent is advised to contact Transport Canada’s Navigation Protection Program to discuss the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: 1-844-425-7787</li> <li>• Email: NPPPNR-PPNRPN@tc.gc.ca</li> </ul>	<p>Acknowledged.</p> <p>The survey activities of the Program are will not interfere with marine navigation and therefore will not require approval under CNWA. However, TC will be engaged during the design phase of the Project to confirm any requirements for navigation during the operational phase of the Project.</p>
<b>Marine Safety and Security</b>			
2	-	<p>The proponent should consult the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) and Canadian Hydrographic Services (CHS) to ensure the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impacts on Navigational aids, if any, are identified.</li> <li>• Advising marine traffic of the work being undertaken.</li> </ul> <p>Also, if they have not already done so, the proponent should consult with the shipping industry, particularly community resupply companies, about the project.</p>	<p>Acknowledged.</p> <p>The survey activities of the Program Team will not interfere with marine navigation. However, during the detailed design phase, the Project will consult with the CCG and CHS to ensure that impacts on navigation aids are identified, and the new facility is included in the appropriate charts. The Project team will also engage with CCG and CHS to confirm that appropriate communication and actions are undertaken during construction and prior to operations to ensure the safety of mariners.</p>

### 3 Summary and Closing

We appreciate TC 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**

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# Appendix A: Supporting Figures



**Legend**

- Kimmirut Sealift
- Project Footprint



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

Drawn: AW  
 Edited: CL  
 Approved: VBC

Kimmirut Sealift Project

Figure A-1

**Project Location**

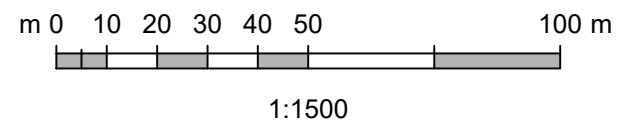


**KEY PLAN**  
1:15000

**LEGEND:**

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

**PLAN**  
1:1500



	GOVERNMENT OF NUNAVUT HAMLET OF KIMMIRUT					
	<b>OCEANS PROTECTION PLAN SUBMISSION</b> Drawing A-1 <b>GENERAL ARRANGEMENT - SEALIFT EXPANSION</b>					
	Date: 25-JAN-23	Drawn by: CH	Edited by: JLC	App'd by: HGK	WorleyParsons Project No. 317071-00019 DRG No. <b>11-MA-DSK-0001</b>	
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# Appendix B: Information Requests



