



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: Proposed Sealift Improvements, Hamlet of Sanikiluaq

NIRB #: 26XN009

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

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| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fish and their habitat | Regulatory approvals _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> heritage resources in area | _____ |

Please describe the concerns indicated above:

Transport Canada does not have concerns about the proposed project but does note the project is subject to acts and regulations administered by Transport Canada. Details for the most relevant acts and regulations are provided below for the information of the Board and the proponent.

Canadian Navigable Waters Act

The proposed work is on the Arctic Ocean. The Arctic Ocean is a scheduled navigable waterway listed in the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* (CNWA). Given this, an application for approval under the CNWA may be required.

A slipway and boat-launching ramp – commercial is defined as any type of inclined path or structure, such as a marine railway, by which vessels can be launched into or retrieved from the water, for commercial or public use (see: Work types - Definitions – attached – line 34).

While sea-lift barges do not operate under their own power, they are still considered vessels, so if the proponent can meet the conditions, they may build the work under the authority of the minor works order. If the proponent meets the criterion of the minor works order they must install the work as per the general requirements for minor works (see: Minor works class – Slipways and boat launching ramps – attached).

Any temporary works required for the construction of the ramps (coffer dams, silt curtains, etc.) must also meet the criteria and requirements for temporary works under the minor works order (see: Minor works class – Temporary works – attached).



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Marine Safety and Security

The proponent should consult the Canadian Coast Guard and Canadian Hydrographic Services (CHS) to ensure the following:

- Impacts on Navigational aids, if any, are identified.
- The new facility is included on the appropriate chart, as applicable.
- Advising marine traffic of the work being undertaken.

Also, if they have not already done so, the proponent should consult with the shipping industry, particularly community resupply companies, about the project.

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

Transport Canada has no comments on whether NIRB should approve this project.

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