



NIRB File No.: 15YN037
PC File No.: 23783

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The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq
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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Parks Canada's "Underwater Archaeology and Biology Study of the Wreck of HMS Erebus" Project Proposal

Dear Ms. Leona Aglukkaq:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (PC File No. 23783).

On July 2, 2015 the NIRB received Parks Canada's "Underwater Archaeology and Biology Study of the Wreck of HMS Erebus" project proposal directly from Parks Canada. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 15YN037 and commenced screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. On July 7, 2015 the NIRB requested that Parks Canada provide additional information in support of this proposal. On July 20, 2015 the NIRB received the additional information required to proceed with the screening.

Given the need for additional information prior to commencing its assessment of this proposal, the NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for Parks Canada's "Underwater Archaeology and Biology Study of the Wreck of HMS Erebus" project proposal within the 45 day time period as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA and therefore requires additional time to screen the project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by August 24, 2015.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the authorizing agency will inform the Proponent, stakeholders and interested parties on the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long horizontal line that extends to the right.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

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