

## Info at NIRB

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**Attachments:** 160704-16DN031-Canadian Armed Forces-Operation Nanook 2016-NIRB Screenin....pdf; SAR Observation Log - Op Nanook 2016.docx

Morning Kel,

DND appreciates ECCC's comments regarding Operation Nanook 2016. In response, DND has the following to offer:

- a) **WRT migratory birds:** All DND operations/exercise participants in the north receive an indoctrination briefing before commencing operations. A part of the brief includes respecting the environment and wildlife in the area. Participants, amongst other things, are told not to disturb or harass wildlife as well as waste management to minimize attractants. To further mitigate encounters with wildlife, all northern operations include a Canadian Ranger Patrol Group component (the local patrol) to provide advice and guidance on local intelligence. They are embedded with patrol groups and employed as the patrol's guide.
- b) **WRT air operations:** All air crews receive pertinent information specific to the operation via their chain of command. The information provided by ECCC will be forwarded to the Task Force Commander for their crew briefings.
- c) **WRT species at risk:** If any of the species at risk identified by ECCC are sighted in the field by patrols, the incident(s) will be noted on the attached observation log. The logs will be compiled post Operation Nanook and forwarded to the appropriate regulators and organizations responsible for that species. Please note that Ross's Gull is not mentioned on the observation log because according to our research, the nearest known colony is ~ 1500 kms away in Churchill MB. If this is not the case, please advise. Also note that according to our research, we are not operating in but near the eastern flank of the Qamanirjuaq herd's calving grounds, so we've included caribou as a potential for sightings.

We hope the above addresses and alleviate ECCC's concerns and welcome any additional comments they may have. As always, I am available to you (or ECCC) should there be any other requirements or clarifications.

Warmest regards,

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached Environment and Climate Change Canada's comments on the NIRB Screening for Operation Nanook 2016.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

**Melissa Pinto**

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**Subject:** NIRB 16DN031: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for CAF' "Operation Nanook 2016" project proposal

Dear Andrew Ngo:

Please see the attached correspondence from the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) regarding Canadian Armed Forces' "Operation Nanook 2016" project proposal.

**NIRB File No.:** 16DN031  
**Project Name:** Operation Nanook 2016  
**Project Proponent:** Canadian Armed Forces (CAF)  
**Project Type:** Defence  
**Location:** Kivalliq Region  
**Comments Requested by:** July 4, 2016

The NIRB is copying parties potentially affected by this project and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB 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 is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; if so, why;
- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax to 867-983-2594.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Operation Nanook 2016
- NIRB File No.: 16DN031
- Application No.: 124670

**The NIRB has attached a Public Notice of Screening in English and Inuktitut for interested parties and Municipalities to post on local bulletin boards within your community.**

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Kelli Gillard, Manager, Project Monitoring, directly at 867-983-4619 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Best regards,

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