



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 14YN001

Project Name: The “CROW – Canadian Ranger Ocean Watch” project
Proponent Name: Fisheries and Oceans Canada-Institute of Ocean Sciences’
Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125034
Comment Deadline: **January 30, 2017**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “CROW – Canadian Rangers Ocean Watch” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, and is proposed to occur in the vicinity of Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven, Kugluktuk, and Taloyoak. The objective of the proposed project is for the Canadian Rangers to measure key observational parameters to compile ice-covered seasonal water profiles during their regular activities for the Department of National Defense. The program is proposed to take place from February 2017 to December 2019. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of small nets to collect samples of plankton
- Use of chemicals to preserve plankton samples

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 14YN001 to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Kelli Gillard, Manager, Project Monitoring, toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or kgillard@nirb.ca.