



# NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 17YN061

Project Name: The “**Kitikmeot Region Marine Science Study**” project  
Proponent Name: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)  
Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot Region  
Public Registry: [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) Application No.: 125154  
Comment Deadline: **July 28, 2017**

## PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Kitikmeot Region Marine Science Study” project is located within the Kitikmeot region between Dolphin and Union Strait in the west and Larsen Sound in the north and east. The Proponent intends to conduct baseline oceanographic data and evaluate marine ecosystem structure in the Kitikmeot region. The program is proposed to take place from August to September 2017 until 2021.

The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of research vessel (RV) *Martin Bergmann* (sixty two feet (ft) in length) to conduct research activities with a capacity of up to thirteen (13) personnel
- Occasional use of float plane to transport crew and scientists to the RV *Martin Bergmann* for ship change
- Use of local facilities in Cambridge Bay and the Canadian High Arctic Research Station
- Use of fuel and chemicals for research activities

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 17YN061 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](http://www.nirb.ca).** Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca).

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Talia Maksagak, Junior Technical Advisor toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or [tmaksagak@nirb.ca](mailto:tmaksagak@nirb.ca).