

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:	Kitikmeot Region Marine Science Study
Proponent:	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Location:	Kitikmeot Region
Comments Due By:	July 28, 2017
NIRB #:	17YN061

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

<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
x marine mammals and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> human health issues
<input type="checkbox"/> birds and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fish and their habitat	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> heritage resources in area	_____


Please describe the concerns indicated above:

Section 7 of the Marine Mammal Regulations (Fisheries Act) prohibits the disturbance of marine mammals. Generally, disturbance is interpreted as disruption to an animal's normal life processes, resulting from intentional human activities (e.g., to pursue, accompany, overtake, encircle, approach repeatedly, hunt, disperse, drive or herd individuals or groups of marine mammals). This applies equally to divers, kayaks, motor boats and aircraft. Disturbance response thresholds vary among individuals, species and locations.

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?

DFO recommends that watercraft should survey the area for Marine Mammals to avoid disturbing them If marine mammals are encountered, and remain in the area, effort should be made to avoid disturbing them by rerouting, slowly navigating around their location at a reduced speed and maintaining their distance. The watercraft should not accelerate within 400m of the marine mammals. The marine mammals should not be approached closer than 100m at any time.

8. Comment Form Distribution

Do you support the project proposal? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Any additional comments?	
Name of person commenting: <u>Emily Morton</u> of _____	
Position: <u>Fisheries Biologist</u>	Organization: <u>Fisheries and Oceans Canada</u>
Signature: <u></u>	Date: <u>July 20, 2017</u>