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Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB)
PO Box 1360
Cambridge Bay, NU
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Dear NIRB:

Subject: Notice of Screening for Government of Nunavut's "Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure- Deep Sea Port" Project Proposal (NIRB file no. 17XN021)

As directed by the NIRB in their letter dated June 27, 2017, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO is providing the following comments with respect to the "Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure – Deep Sea Port" Project NIRB Screening.

DFO understands that the NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

1. Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;

DFO is not aware of any significant public concern at this stage of the review, however, it is recommended that consultation take place to ensure that public concern is heard and addressed via the environmental assessment process administered by the NIRB.

2. Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;

Fisheries and Oceans has identified several significant eco-systemic impacts associated with this Project proposal, but not limited to, the following:

- Construction of breakwaters/wharves, ramps and laydown areas
- Dredging

3. Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; if so, why;

The Project will likely result in serious harm to fish, thus impacting Inuit harvesting activity in the Frobisher Bay.

4. Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and

Proponent are responsible for avoiding and mitigating serious harm to fish that are part of or support commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fisheries. When proponents are unable to completely avoid or mitigate serious harm to fish, their projects will normally require authorization under Subsection 35 (2) of the Fisheries Act in order for the project to proceed without contravening the Act. DFO will work with the Proponent in the environmental assessment and regulatory review processes to identify appropriate mitigation measures.

5. Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

DFO will be a responsible minister with respect to this Project, and recommend a Review proceed.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenie Cooper at (905) 336-4886 or by email at Jenie.Cooper@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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