

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: <u>Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure - Small Craft Harbour</u>	
Proponent: <u>Government of Nunavut</u>	
Location: <u>Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region</u>	
Comments Due By: <u>August 7, 2017</u>	NIRB #: <u>17XN022</u>

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

no concerns water quality terrain air quality wildlife and their habitat marine mammals and their habitat birds and their habitat fish and their habitat heritage resources in area	traditional uses of land Inuit harvesting activities community involvement and consultation local development in the area tourism in the area human health issues other: _____ _____ _____
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Please describe the concerns indicated above:

Any concerns associated with the project in respect to Transport Canada's mandate, the Navigation Protection Act and our duty to consult will be considered and made aware during the authorization process under the Navigation Protection Act.

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?

Navigation Protection

Transport Canada's Navigation Protection Program will review final design plans for the proposed Small Craft Harbour modifications and associated work in, on, over, under, or through sections of the Arctic Ocean. The proponent is aware that authorization under the Navigation Protection Act is required and they have committed to submitting a Notice of Works to the Navigation Protection Program.

Transport Canada's Navigation Protection Program will evaluate potential impacts to navigation and navigation safety related to the construction and maintenance of proposed works subject to the Navigation Protection Act. Authorization under the Navigation Protection Act may include conditional mitigation measures to address potential impacts to navigation.

The Navigation Protection Program has explained to the project consultant that consultation with local users regarding potential impacts to navigation will be required and has requested that a map displaying three infrastructure projects proposed to be constructed concurrently in Frobisher Bay (Deep Sea Port, Small Craft Harbour, and Airport Lighting Extension) be incorporated into consultation sessions.

Aboriginal Consultation


Transport Canada may have a duty to consult affected Indigenous groups due to the potential departmental approvals required by the marine infrastructure construction under the Navigation Protection Act.

Based on the above activities, Transport Canada will be required to assess whether it has a duty to consult with groups whose Aboriginal or Treaty rights may be adversely impacted by the project's activities. Additionally, Transport Canada will participate in any coordinated 'whole of government' Aboriginal consultation resulting from the Northern Project Management Office and/or the NIRB environmental assessment processes.

Transport Canada appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure – Small Craft Harbour application.

Should you have any questions regarding Transport Canada's comments, please contact Adam Downing via email at adam.downing@tc.gc.ca or by telephone at (204) 984-6755.

Do you support the project proposal? Yes No Any additional comments?

Name of person commenting: Adam Downing **of** _____
Position: Superintendent **Organization:** Transport Canada
Signature:  **Date:** August 4, 2017