

## 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:

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| <b>Project Proposal Title:</b> <u>Pond Inlet Marine Infrastructure</u> |                               |
| <b>Proponent:</b> <u>Government of Nunavut</u>                         |                               |
| <b>Location:</b> <u>North Baffin Region</u>                            |                               |
| <b>Comments Due By:</b> <u>August 8, 2017</u>                          | <b>NIRB #:</b> <u>17XN030</u> |

**Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:**

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

The Arctic Ocean is part of the Scheduled waters listed under the Navigation Protection Act (NPA) and any work in, on, over, under, or through sections of the Arctic Ocean will require a NPA approval prior to action. The Government of Nunavut- Community and Government Services' must submit a notice of works to the Transport Canada Prairie and Northern Region office for the Pond Inlet Marine Infrastructure project. Please indicate when the construction is scheduled to take place as well as any temporary works and construction methodology that may be required.

Transport Canada also recommends the Government of Nunavut- Community and Government Services' review the amendments to the Minor Works and Waters Order and self-assess to determine if any of the proposed in-water works may be considered a Minor Work. Minor works under the Order do not require notice or approval by TC.

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.

8. Comment Form Distribution

The following website provides more information on the NPA:

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/programs-621.html>

**Aboriginal Consultation**

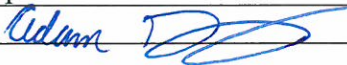
Transport Canada may have a duty to consult affected Indigenous groups due to the potential departmental approvals required by the marine infrastructure construction under the Navigation Protection Act.

Based on the above activities, Transport Canada will be required to assess whether it has a duty to consult with groups who's Aboriginal or Treaty rights may be adversely impacted by the projects 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 Pond Inlet Marine Infrastructure project.

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

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

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| <b>Name of person commenting:</b> Adam Downing  |                                       | <b>of</b> |  |
| <b>Position:</b> Superintendent   | <b>Organization:</b> Transport Canada |           |  |
| <b>Signature:</b>  | <b>Date:</b> August 4, 2017           |           |  |