



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 17YN074

Project Name: The “Connecting Snow Melt to River Discharge” project
Proponent Name: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125226
Comment Deadline: **January 8, 2018**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Connecting Snow Melt to River Discharge in the Kitikmeot and Northwest Territories” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 9.5 kilometres (km) from Kugluktuk and within the Hamlet of Cambridge Bay. The Proponent intends to create a local monitoring network for Kugluktuk and Cambridge Bay in order to better understand freshwater contributions to the ocean under a changing climate by studying changing snow conditions. The program is proposed to take place from March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Collecting of snow and water samples in or around the Coppermine River (Kugluktuk) and Freshwater Creek
- Fuel would be purchased locally and any garbage created by the project would be collected and disposed of appropriately
- Samples would be collected by local community members travelling by snowmobile, ATV, and/or boats

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 17YN074 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. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Mia Otokiak, Junior Technical Advisor toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or motokiak@nirb.ca.