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Nunavut Impact Review Board
29 Mitik Street, P.O. Box 1360
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Dear Reviewer:

Subject: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for DND's "Operation NUNALIVUT 2018" Project Proposal

Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Fisheries Protection Program (DFO-FPP) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide comments on the Department of National Defence's (DND) (the Proponent) application for the "Operation NUNALIVUT 2018" (the Project).

As directed by the NIRB in their letter dated January 10, 2018, DFO-FPP is providing the following comments with respect to the Project's screening. DFO-FPP understands that the NIRB would like interested parties to provide comments regarding:

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

DFO-FPP is not aware of any significant public concern at this stage of review.

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

DFO-FPP has reviewed the Proponent's application pursuant to its mandate to maintain the on-going productivity of commercial, recreational, and Aboriginal fisheries. DFO-FPP has no concerns with the Project as proposed.

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

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DFO-FPP has reviewed the Proponent's application pursuant to its mandate to determine whether it is likely to result in serious harm to fish which is prohibited under subsection 35(1) of the *Fisheries Act* unless authorized. Provided that the Project is implemented in the manner, and during the timeframe, described, the Project will not result in serious harm to fish or prohibited effects on listed aquatic species at risk.

- 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);

The Proponent has outlined appropriate mitigation measures.

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

It is your Duty to Notify DFO-FPP if you have caused, or are about to cause, serious harm to fish that are part of or support a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery. Such notifications should be directed to <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/violation-infraction/index-eng.html>.

If you have any questions please contact Sara Eddy at our Burlington office at 905-336-4535 or by email at Sara.Eddy@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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