

## MAP (Multidisciplinary Arctic Program) - Last Ice

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| Type de demande :        | New   |
| Type de projet:          | Scientific Research   |
| Date de la demande :     | 1/31/2018 1:44:07 PM  |
| Period of operation:     | from 0001-01-01 to 0001-01-01   |
| Autorisations proposées: | from 0001-01-01 to 0001-01-01   |
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## Description non technique de la proposition de projet

Anglais: The general objective of this project is to better understand the sea ice ecosystem in the northern Canadian Archipelago, in particular the old multiyear ice. Because this old ice is disappearing from the Arctic and changing into thinner annual ice, this has many impacts on the ecosystem. The study will take place on the sea ice off Alert, during the spring of 2018, from end of April to beginning of June. We will use snowmobiles to go a station on the sea ice where ice conditions are safe (see map for tentative location). We will have a temporary shelter tent on the ice; which will be used to process sea ice and water samples. At the station, we will collect sea ice cores and cut them in sections for analysis of the ice conditions. We will also collect water samples using sampling bottles and measure salinity and biological conditions. We will use oceanographic instruments to measure the properties (temperature, salinity) of the water column. We also plan to install instrumentation to measure meteorological conditions, ocean currents, and zooplankton during the spring.. Twice during the study, we will carry out marine mammal surveys using a Twin Otter. The surveys will help identify the use of the sea ice by seals and polar bears. At the end of the spring field season, we will remove all the equipment installed on the ice, including temporary shelter. We plan to return to the station in the fall to deploy the same oceanographic instruments and have measurements until the next spring. We are planning to continue this study over subsequent years, in 2019-2020, to assess year-to-year changes in conditions. The results of this study are needed to better understand the sea ice ecosystem and how it will respond to climate change. This is important since many Arctic marine species depend on the sea ice.

Francais: n/a

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## Personnel

Personnel on site: 6

Days on site: 35

Total Person days: 210

Operations Phase: from 2018-04-21 to 2018-05-28

## Activités

### Activités

| Emplacement   | Type d'activité | Statut des terres | Historique du site                    | Site à valeur archéologique ou paléontologique | Proximité des collectivités les plus proches et de toute zone protégée                                    |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| OffshoreAlert | Aerial surveys  | Marine            | no site history, on the ice off Alert | n/a  | Near Quttinirpaaq National Park; no close community; nearest communities are Resolute Bay and Grise Fjord |
| OffshoreAlert | Sampling sites  | Marine            | no site history, on the ice off Alert | n/a  | Near Quttinirpaaq National Park; no close community; nearest communities are Resolute Bay and Grise Fjord |
| OffshoreAlert | Baseline data   | Marine            | no site history, on the ice off Alert | n/a  | Near Quttinirpaaq National Park; no close community; nearest communities are Resolute Bay and Grise Fjord |

### Engagement de la collectivité et avantages pour la région

| Collectivité | Nom                               | Organisme    | Date de la prise de contact |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Resolute Bay | Nancy Amarualik / Philip Manik Sr | Resolute HTA | 2017-12-21                  |
| Grise Fiord  | Terry Noah                        | Iviq HTA     | 2017-12-20                  |

## Autorisations

### Indiquez les zones dans lesquelles le projet est situé

#### Autorisations

| Organisme de régulation | Description des autorisations                     | État actuel               | Date de l'émission/de la demande | Date d'échéance |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Pêches et Océans Canada | Licence for fishing for Scientific Purpose (LFSP) | Applied, Decision Pending | 2017-12-19                       |                 |

### Project transportation types

| Transportation Type | Quantité | Utilisation proposée                                       | Length of Use |
|---------------------|----------|--|---------------|
| Air                 | 0        | for marine mammal surveys (30h Twin Otter flight in total) |               |
| Water               | 0        | on ice, by snowmobile, to sampling site                    |               |

### Project accommodation types

Temporary Camp

Autre,

## Utilisation de matériel

Équipement à utiliser (y compris les perceuses, les pompes, les aéronefs, les véhicules, etc.)

| Type d'équipement  | Quantité | Taille – Dimensions | Utilisation proposée                          |
|--------------------|----------|---------------------|---|
| snowmobiles        | 3        | regular             | regular travel to-from sampling site - Alert  |
| Twin Otter         | 1        | regular             | for marine mammal surveys (30 h total)        |
| ice corer          | 2        | 9 cm diam           | to collect sea ice cores                      |
| ice auger          | 1        | 8/10 in diam        | to auger in the ice and collect water samples |
| weather haven tent | 1        | 12 x 20             | for temporary shelter on ice                  |
| generator          | 1        | 2.2                 | to power scientific equipment at station      |

## Décrivez l'utilisation du carburant et des marchandises dangereuses

| Décrivez l'utilisation de carburant : | Type de carburant | Nombre de conteneurs | Capacité du conteneur | Quantité totale | Unités  | Utilisation proposée                |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Propane                               | fuel              | 1                    | 20                    | 20              | Lbs     | for stove/heat in temporary shelter |
| Diesel                                | fuel              | 1                    | 45                    | 45              | Gallons | for heat for temporary shelter      |
| Gasoline                              | fuel              | 1                    | 5                     | 5               | Gallons | for generator and snowmobiles       |

## Consommation d'eau

| Quantité quotidienne (m3) | Méthodes de récupération de l'eau proposées                            | Emplacement de récupération de l'eau proposé |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| 0                         | drinking water will be carried to the field station from Alert station | Alert station will provide drinking water    |

## Déchets

### Gestion des déchets

| Activités du projet | Type des déchets                 | Quantité prévue | Méthode d'élimination   | Procédures de traitement supplémentaires     |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| Researching         | Déchets combustibles             | negligible      | combustible waste will be brought back and disposed of at Alert station | standard procedure at Alert station          |
| Researching         | Eaux grises                      | negligible      | grey water will be brought back and disposed of at Alert station        | standard disposal procedure at Alert station |
| Researching         | Eaux usées (matières de vidange) | negligible      | human waste will be brought back to Alert station for disposal          | standard procedure at Alert station          |

## Répercussions environnementales :

- aerial surveys are done offshore of Alert. We don't know the abundance of fauna in this region as the surveys will be the first in this region. Potential impacts of noise are minimized by carrying surveys at altitude to minimize noise while maintaining scientific relevance, and by minimizing survey time (and keep minimum acceptable coverage). - the region is far from communities, therefore there are no impacts for local hunters or communities - disturbance to the ice site is kept to minimum. We do not stay on the ice for long periods, only for day trips. All equipment is removed after field program, all waste is brought back to Alert. - potential impact of noise/disturbance to fauna at sampling site. We don't know the abundance of fauna and their use of the site. Noise will be kept to

minimum by using augers and generator for only short periods. - Disturbance to the ice is kept to minimum by putting back ice core sections in ice holes after finishing coring. Ice refreezes within a few hours/days after sampling. - Potential impact of noise during transit to /from ice by snowmobile is minimized by travelling in group (travel once rather than many trips by different people)

## **Additional Information**

### **SECTION A1: Project Info**

### **SECTION A2: Allweather Road**

### **SECTION A3: Winter Road**

### **SECTION B1: Project Info**

### **SECTION B2: Exploration Activity**

### **SECTION B3: Geosciences**

### **SECTION B4: Drilling**

### **SECTION B5: Stripping**

### **SECTION B6: Underground Activity**

### **SECTION B7: Waste Rock**

### **SECTION B8: Stockpiles**

### **SECTION B9: Mine Development**

### **SECTION B10: Geology**

### **SECTION B11: Mine**

### **SECTION B12: Mill**

### **SECTION C1: Pits**

### **SECTION D1: Facility**

### **SECTION D2: Facility Construction**

### **SECTION D3: Facility Operation**

### **SECTION D4: Vessel Use**

### **SECTION E1: Offshore Survey**

### **SECTION E2: Nearshore Survey**

### **SECTION E3: Vessel Use**

### **SECTION F1: Site Cleanup**

**SECTION G1: Well Authorization**

**SECTION G2: Onland Exploration**

**SECTION G3: Offshore Exploration**

**SECTION G4: Rig**

**SECTION H1: Vessel Use**

**SECTION H2: Disposal At Sea**

**SECTION I1: Municipal Development**

**Description de l'environnement existant : Environnement physique**

**Description de l'environnement existant : Environnement biologique**

**Description de l'environnement existant : Environnement socio-économique**

**Identification des répercussions et mesures d'atténuation proposées**

**Répercussions cumulatives**

## Impacts

## Identification des répercussions environnementales

| Construction   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| Exploitation   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Sampling sites |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | N |   | - | - | - | - | - |   | - | - | - | - | - |
| Désaffectation |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| -              |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |   | - | - | - | - | - |   | - | - | - | - | - |

(P = Positive, N = Négative et non gérable, M = Négative et gérable, U = Inconnue)