



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 18YN002**

NPC File No.: 148679

March 27, 2018

To: Veronique D'Amours-Gauthier
Senior Fisheries Protection Biologist
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
5204 50th Avenue, Suite 301
Yellowknife, NT X1A 1E2

Mosha Cote
Manager, Research Liaison
Nunavut Research Institute
P.O. Box 1720
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Sent via email: veronique.damours-gauthier@dfo.mpo.gc.ca; mosha.cote@arcticcollege.ca

Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Fisheries and Oceans Canada's "MAP (Multidisciplinary Arctic Program)" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani Region, NIRB File No. 18YN002

Dear Administrators:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans for Fisheries and Oceans Canada's "MAP (Multidisciplinary Arctic Program)" Project Proposal in the Qikiqtani Region, dated March 27, 2018.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Minister that a review of the project is not required in accordance with paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, regulatory authorities should take note of paragraph 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: "A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed." Contravention of section 75(1) of the *NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact Jaida Ohokannoak, NIRB Manager, Technical Administration at (867) 983-4609 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



Jaida Ohokannoak
Manager, Technical Administration

cc: Christine Michel, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
Stephen Williamson Bathory, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Joel Fortier, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Salamonie Shoo, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Karén Kharatyan, Nunavut Water Board
Tracey McCaie, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
Distribution List

Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 18YN002 (March 27, 2018)