



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 18YN021

Project Name: The “**Migratory and Breeding Ecology of Birds Facing Global Environmental Change**” project

Proponent Name: Polar Knowledge Canada (PKC)

Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot Region

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125304

Comment Deadline: **May 28, 2018**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Migratory and Breeding Ecology of Birds Facing Global Environmental Change” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, within a 180 kilometres (km) radius of Cambridge Bay. The Proponent intends to conduct studies to monitor the reproduction and the migration of Arctic-nesting migratory birds including both predator and prey species, nesting habitats, breeding densities, population trends, and migration requirements. The program is proposed to take place from May to August 2018. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Installation of motion trigger cameras within nests
- Collection of blood, feather, and fecal samples along with banding on the nest
- Aerial photography via helicopter of snow geese
- Potential monitoring and mapping of fox dens with installation of motion trigger cameras

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **18YN021** 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 Kelli Gillard, Manager, Project Monitoring, toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or kgillard@nirb.ca.