



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 18YN030

Project Name: The “**Monitoring Seasonal Environmental Change in Rivers of the Kitikmeot Region**” project

Proponent Name: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot Region

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125345

Comment Deadline: **May 28, 2018**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Monitoring Seasonal Environmental Change in Rivers of the Kitikmeot Region” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 250 to 325 kilometres (km) south to southwest from the community of Cambridge Bay. The Proponent intends to conduct in-situ monitoring of four (4) rivers [Tree River, Hood River, Burnside River, and Western River] to collect physical and biogeochemical parameters characteristics of these rivers. The program is proposed to take place from July to September 2018 and 2019. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Installation of autonomous observational systems (moorings) at each river mouth
- Continuous in-situ measurements to include physical and biochemical parameters
- Daily transport of personnel and equipment to each site via float plane
- Removal of moorings at the end of each season

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **18YN030** 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 Sophia Granchinho, Manager, Impact Assessment, at (867) 857-4829 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.