



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 18YN025

Project Name: The “Back for the Future: Long-Term Observations of Vegetation and Snowcover in the High Arctic” project

Proponent Name: Trent University

Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot Region

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125340

Comment Deadline: **June 11, 2018**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Back for the Future: Long-Term Observations of Vegetation and Snowcover in the High Arctic” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 60 kilometres (km) from Cambridge Bay. The Proponent intends to conduct baseline studies of vegetation and snow conditions and evaluate the long-term changes. The program is proposed to take place from August 2018 to April 2019. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Establishment of a temporary camp for two (2) people;
- Use of a Twin Otter for transportation to and from study area;
- Use of a canoe and on foot to access research sites;
- Measuring snow hardness and thickness.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **18YN025** 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 Mia Otokiak, Junior Technical Advisor, toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or motokiak@nirb.ca.