



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 18YN040

Project Name: The “Croker Bay Study and NW Passage Transit to Gjoa Haven” project
Proponent Name: University of Maryland Baltimore County’s (UMBC)
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani (North Baffin) and Kitikmeot Regions
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125364
Comment Deadline: **July 23, 2018**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Croker Bay Study and NW Passage Transit to Gjoa Haven” project would sail the Northwest Passage traversing Nunavut waters in both the Qikiqtani (North Baffin) and Kitikmeot regions. The Proponent intends to collect ocean water samples and survey observations regarding the ice and ocean physical and environmental conditions in Croker Bay and the Northwest Passage. The program is proposed to take place from July to August 2018. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Collection of ocean water samples using an RBR CTD, data logger to measure conductivity, temperature, pressure (depth) and salinity in Croker Bay and the Northwest Passage; and
- Transport and use of facilities and accommodations on a 39 foot sailboat, *Toboggan*.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 18YN040 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 Jaida Ohokannoak, Technical Advisor II, toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or johokannoak@nirb.ca.