



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 19AN008

Project Name: The “BBC Perfect Planet – Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Karrak Lake) – Arctic Foxes” project

Proponent Name: Silverback Films Ltd.

Project Type: Access Region: Kitikmeot Region

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125436

Comment Deadline: **March 8, 2019**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “BBC Perfect Planet – Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Karrak Lake) Arctic Foxes” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 232 kilometres (km) Southwest of Gjoa Haven and approximately 285 kilometres (km) Southeast of Cambridge Bay. The Proponent’s primary objective is to film and document how animals cope with periods of perpetual sunlight by focusing on arctic fox pups during their first initial weeks and any predatory activities on snow geese nests in the area. The program is proposed to take place from May to July 2019. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Filming arctic foxes and pups around active dens to document their activities and the pups in their first few weeks;
- Filming of snow geese nests around Karrak Lake with the aim to film predatory activities
- Opportunistic filming of other wildlife such as caribou, Grizzly bear and muskox;
- Use of an unmanned air vehicle (UAV) for filming of scenic landscapes and nesting goose colonies to showcase scale.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **19AN008** 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.