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Sent via email: cambay@kitikmeothto.ca.

Re: Notice of Screening for Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization's "ESHL Sports Hunts" Project Proposal

Dear Beverly Maksagak:

On February 6, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization's (EHTO) "ESHL Sports Hunt" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **19AN015** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On February 15, 2019 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that the information provided be sufficient to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and that sufficient information has been provided to commence screening. On February 19, 2019 the NIRB followed up with the Proponent requesting an online application, and on February 19, 2019 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

The proposed “ESHL Sports Hunts” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 200 kilometres (km) south from Cambridge Bay within the Queen Maud Gulf Bird Sanctuary. The Proponent intends to conduct multi-year guided sports hunts during the spring, summer and fall seasons to educate sport hunters and adventure tourists in traditional hunting practices and Inuit culture. The program is proposed to take place between March 2019 to October 2022.

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Transport groups of four (4) tourists (maximum of 12 in spring and 15 in fall) and guides from Cambridge Bay to Ellis River with the use of:
 - Spring: Two (2) snowmobiles;
 - Summer/Fall: Four (4) boats and two (2) all-terrain vehicles (ATV) to transport personnel and equipment to and from the permanent campsite to the hunt sites;
- Use of an existing permanent camp at Ellis River;
- Use of portable generator to heat the camp;
- Storage and use of 225 gallons of fuel for motor vehicles and heat for the camp;
- Disposal of greywater away from any body of water;
- Disposal of sewage in approved facilities in Cambridge Bay;
- Additional accommodations provided within Cambridge Bay; and
- Hiring of qualified local Inuit guides.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB’s online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125451.

The documents received include:

- *NPC Screening Referral*
- *NPC Application*
- *NIRB’s Online Application Form*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuinnaqtun*
- *Map noting existing permanent camp location*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB’s online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by EHTO's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **March 20, 2019**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125451.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-5627 or at tmaksagak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English and Inuinnaqtun)
Comment Forms (English and Inuinnaqtun)

cc: Distribution List
Geoff Clarke, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
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