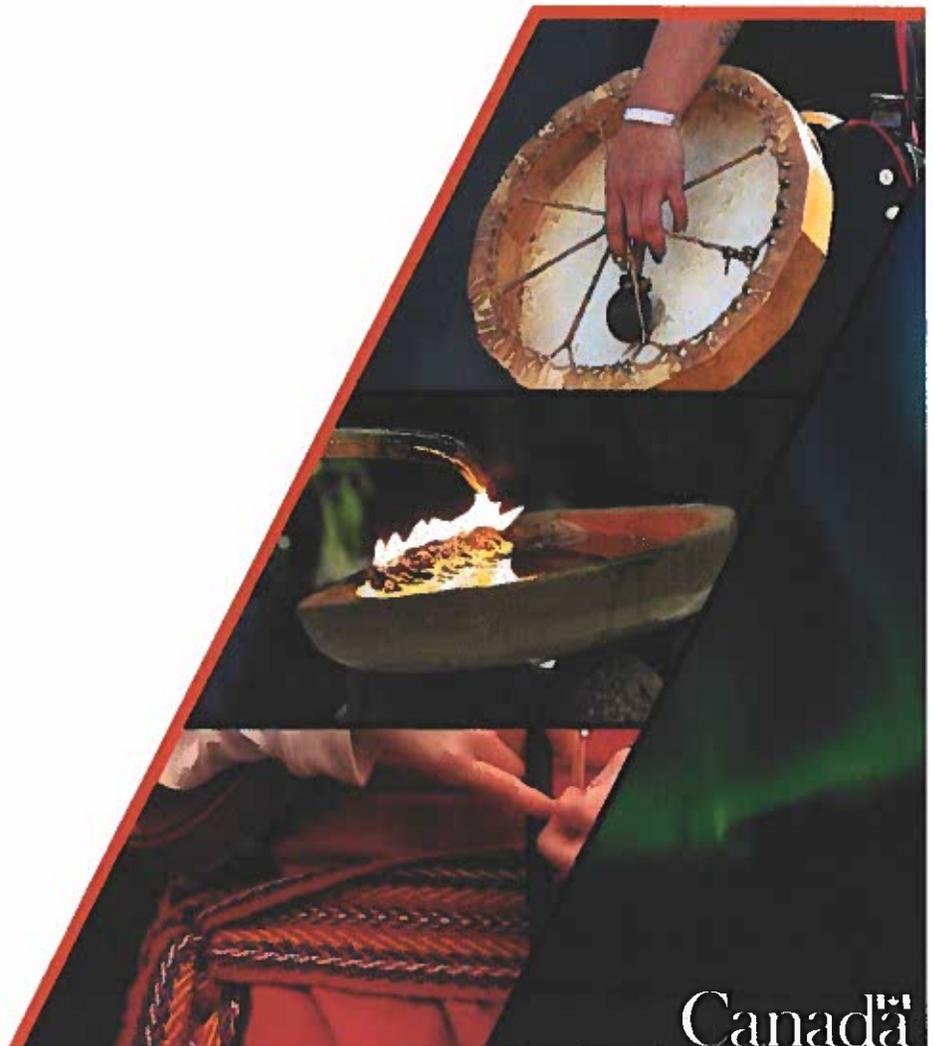




CIRNAC COMMENTS TO NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for University of Rhode
Island's "URI Northwest Passage Project 2019"
Project Proposal



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Re: Notice of Screening for the University of Rhode Island's "URI Northwest Passage Project 2019" Project Proposal

Dear Ms. Reimer,

On April 12, 2019, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on University of Rhode Island's "URI Northwest Passage Project 2019" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) reviewed the project proposal and related documents and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why:

It is understood that the proponent will be conducting shore landings in the communities of Pond Inlet and Resolute Bay as well as other historic/cultural sites. CIRNAC recommends that project-specific term and condition (No. 15) from the University of Rhode Island's "URI Northwest Passage Project 2018" Screening Decision Report dated July 13, 2018 is reasonable and should be included in the Screening Decision Report for the 2019 project if the project proceeds.

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal:

CIRNAC is aware the NIRB views the University of Rhode Island's "URI Northwest Passage Project 2019" project proposal as an amendment to the previously screened "URI Northwest Passage Project 2018". CIRNAC has reviewed the proposed project-specific terms and conditions in the Notice of Screening and Comment Request Letter: Appendix B, which are to be included in the Screening Decision Report for the 2019 project if the project proceeds.



Based on inclusion of the proposed project-specific terms and conditions and the NIRB's analysis of cumulative effects in the Screening Decision Report dated July 13, 2018, CIRNAC has no further comments, or additional terms and conditions to recommend at this time.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent, as necessary, throughout any further review related to this project. If you have any questions, please contact Krista Pooley at (867) 975-4741 or by e-mail at krista.pooley@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Felexce Ngwa', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Felexce Ngwa
Manager, Impact Assessment

