



# NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 19YN018

Project Name: The “Sea-ice monitoring to support resilient transportation infrastructure, community economic development and youth training in Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak, Nunavut” Project

Proponent Name: Hamlet of Gjoa Haven

Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot Region

Public Registry: [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) Application No.: 125455

Comment Deadline: **May 13, 2019**

## PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Sea-ice monitoring to support resilient transportation infrastructure, community economic development and youth training in Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak, Nunavut” project is located within the Kitikmeot Region, around the communities of Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak. The Proponent intends to conduct sea-ice monitoring along community travel routes between Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak using both Inuit knowledge and sensor data, to provide and improved understanding of how ice travel routes are being impacted by climate change. The program is proposed to take place from March 2019 to March 2022. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of two (2) snowmobiles and qamutiks to transport research equipment and six (6) personnel
- Deployment and retrieval (at the end of each season) of four (4) stationary sea-ice sensors (SmartBUOY) to monitor ice thickness
- Use of mobile sea-ice sensors (SmartQAMUTIK) to generate ice thickness measurements; and
- Use of power-drill to operate ice augers

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **19YN018** 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](http://www.nirb.ca).** Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto: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 Talia Maksagak, Junior Technical Advisor toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or [tmaksagak@nirb.ca](mailto:tmaksagak@nirb.ca)