

Appendix

GN-01: Archaeological Considerations	
Department	Culture and Heritage
Organization	Government of Nunavut
Subject/Topic	Archaeological Considerations
References	NIRB Notice of Screening
CONCERNS	
<p>The proponent is proposing to conduct sea-ice monitoring within the Kitikmeot region along travel routes between the communities of Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak. The project is proposed to take place from March 2019 to March 2022 and will include: the use of two (2) snowmobiles and qamutiks to transport research equipment and six (6) personnel; deployment and retrieval of four (4) stationary sea-ice sensors; use of ice augers. The timing of the operation is a concern as snow cover might mask recorded and unrecorded archaeological sites.</p> <p>A search of the Nunavut Archaeological Site Database indicates that there are numerous recorded archaeological sites within the study area. This however does not preclude the presence of additional unidentified sites or cultural features.</p>	
SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	
<p>On the basis that the study areas have not been the object of systematic archaeological surveys, the Department of Culture and Heritage recommends that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proponent adheres to an ice route, where possible, between the communities of Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak. 2. The proponent exercises caution in their movements on land in order to avoid archaeological sites, specifically with regards to the operation of snowmobiles. 3. No activities be conducted in the vicinity (50 m buffer zone) of any archaeological/historical sites. If archaeological sites or features are encountered, activities should immediately be interrupted and moved away from this location. Each site encountered needs to be recorded and reported to the Government of Nunavut Territorial Archaeology Office. <p>All archaeological and palaeontological sites in Nunavut are protected by law. The applicant must understand that it is their responsibility to ensure that no heritage resource sites are disturbed in the course of their activities. No person shall alter, or otherwise disturb an archaeological site, or remove any artifact from an archaeological site. Moreover, the building of inuksuit is not recommended.</p>	