

Appendix

GN-01: Potential Archaeological Site Disturbance	
Department	Culture and Heritage
Organization	Government of Nunavut
Subject/Topic	Potential archaeological site disturbance
References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIRB Public Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Environment and Climate Change Canada’s “Nirjutiqarvik National Wildlife Area Clean-up” Project Proposal
CONCERNS	
<p>The proposed project is located within the Nirjutiqarvik National Wildlife Area on Coburg Island within the Qikiqtani (North Baffin) region. The proponent intends to conduct clean-up of the abandoned North Water Research Station from July to August 2019. Project activities will include: the establishment of a 6-person base camp; dismantling of research station structure; and removal of approximately 150+ empty fuel drums, propane tanks and other materials.</p> <p>A search of the Nunavut Archaeological Site Database indicates that there are recorded archaeological sites in the immediate vicinity of the project area. This however does not preclude the presence of additional unidentified sites or cultural features.</p> <p>Due to the scattered nature of the debris and the close proximity of identified archaeological sites, the Department of Culture and Heritage has concerns regarding the possible disturbance of archaeological sites resulting from clean-up activities.</p>	
SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	
<p>The Department of Culture and Heritage recommends that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proponent hires a qualified archaeologist in order to conduct an archaeological assessment of any areas where ground disturbance activities are planned to occur (including the proposed basecamp). 2. Archaeological sites be clearly identified and visibly protected (fencing) as to be avoided during any remediation activities. 3. No activities be conducted in the vicinity (50 m buffer zone) of 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 under the Nunavut Act.</p>	

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 without the proper authorizations. Moreover, the building of inuksuit is not recommended.