



NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Parks Canada's "RV David Thompson Eastern Arctic Operations 2019" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani and Kitikmeot Region

Dear Land Administrators:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada for Parks Canada's "RV David Thompson Eastern Arctic Operations 2019" in the Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Region, dated October 8, 2019.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Minister that a review of the project is not required in accordance with paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, regulatory authorities should take note of paragraph 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: “A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed.” Contravention of s. 75(1) of *the NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact Savanna Moore, NIRB Environmental Administrator at (867) 983-4615 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



Savanna Moore
Environmental Administrator

Enclosure (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 19YN040 (October 8, 2019)

cc: Ryan Harris, Parks Canada
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