



## Demande de la CNER faisant l'objet d'un examen préalable #125492

### The effect of warming on aquatic invertebrates in the Kitikmeot

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# DÉTAILS

## Description non technique de la proposition de projet

Anglais: Who: Michelle Tseng, Aquatic and Insect Ecologist, University of British Columbia  
What: Researchers are currently studying the health of lakes, ponds, streams, and rivers in the Kitikmeot Region. This ongoing project is a collaboration between several universities, the Ministry of Environment (Government of Canada), and POLAR Knowledge Canada. I am joining this group of researchers to study in particular, whether increased water temperature in lakes and ponds is changing the health of small aquatic animals called zooplankton. In summer 2020, I propose to take 100 live zooplankton from each of 10 lakes. This amount is less than 0.01% of a typical lake zooplankton population. I will employ one local guide through the Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Association, and one local high school student. We will travel to these lakes by truck or ATV. At the Canadian High Arctic Research Station (CHARS), I (and the guide or student if they are interested), will measure the respiration rate (breathing rate) of live individual zooplankton held at different temperatures. I am testing the idea that zooplankton collected from warmer lakes will be able to maintain normal breathing rates at warmer temperatures, compared to zooplankton collected from cooler lakes. Why: Zooplankton are important components of healthy aquatic environments. They filter water and they are food for larger insects and for fish such as lake trout and Arctic char. Without zooplankton, lakes would become cloudy with algae, and fish would become malnourished or unable to survive at all. This study will give us information about how tolerant zooplankton are to warmer water temperatures, and also how quickly they may be able to adapt to changing temperatures. This study is part of a three-year study that will also investigate (a) whether zooplankton collected at different times of the year show different responses to warmer temperatures, and (b) whether differences in the ability of zooplankton to withstand warmer temperatures are due their environment, or to specific genes. Together this information will allow us to make more accurate predictions for whether important fish like trout and char will still have enough high-quality food to grow and thrive as climate change continues.  
Where: I propose to sample zooplankton from a subset of the lakes being currently being studied by the lake research group. All sites will be within a three-hour ATV or truck ride from CHARS. We will depart from CHARS in the morning and return by late afternoon each day.  
When: I plan to consult with the community from June 07 to June 13, 2020. Pending positive feedback from the community, we will sample lakes in July 2020. If the community would like me to change my proposed research, I will postpone lake sampling until the suggested changes have been integrated.

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## **Personnel**

Personnel on site: 3

Days on site: 7

Total Person days: 21

Operations Phase: from 2020-06-03 to 2022-10-24

## Activités

Emplacement	Type d'activité	Statut des terres	Historique du site	Site à valeur archéologique ou paléontologique	Proximité des collectivités les plus proches et de toute zone protégée
Tseng-UBC-Invertebrate-Health-Kitikmeot	Sampling sites	Municipal	These lakes and ponds are part of a larger set of water bodies being studied by Polar Knowledge Canada, Canadian University Partners, and community partners.	n/a	These lakes and ponds are all within a 3 hr. ATV ride from Cambridge Bay

## Engagement de la collectivité et avantages pour la région

Collectivité	Nom	Organisme	Date de la prise de contact
Cambridge Bay	Beverly Makasagak	Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Association	2019-08-20

## Autorisations

Indiquez les zones dans lesquelles le projet est situé:

Kitikmeot

### Autorisations

Organisme de régulation	Description des autorisations	État actuel	Date de l'émission/de la demande	Date d'échéance
Institut de recherche du Nunavut	We will apply for a research license from the Nunavut Research Institute	Not Yet Applied		

### Project transportation types

Transportation Type	Utilisation proposée	Length of Use
Water	We will sample lakes and ponds using either a) an inflatable zodiac powered by a 2.5 h.p. outboard motor, or b) a manually-powered inflatable kayak	
Land	We will travel by truck or ATV	

### Project accomodation types

Collectivité

## Utilisation de matériel

Équipement à utiliser (y compris les perceuses, les pompes, les aéronefs, les véhicules, etc.)

Type d'équipement	Quantité	Taille – Dimensions	Utilisation proposée
ATV or Truck	2	regular	To travel to lakes within a 3 hour drive of Cambridge Bay
Zodiac or inflatable kayak	1	6 ft	To sample zooplankton from lakes
Plankton tow net	1	30cm x 100xm	To collect zooplankton from lakes

Décrivez l'utilisation du carburant et des marchandises dangereuses

Décrivez l'utilisation de carburant :	Type de carburant	Nombre de conteneurs	Capacité du conteneur	Quantité totale	Unités	Utilisation proposée
Gasoline	fuel	2	20	40	Liters	For the ATV and 2.5 hp outboard motor (if not provided by CHARS)

Consommation d'eau

Quantité quotidienne (m3)	Méthodes de récupération de l'eau proposées	Emplacement de récupération de l'eau proposé
70	Water will be obtained from CHARS taps	Water will be obtained from CHARS taps

# Déchets

## Gestion des déchets

Activités du projet	Type des déchets	Quantité prévue	Méthode d'élimination	Procédures de traitement supplémentaires
Researching	Déchets combustibles	1 grocery bag of waste per person	We anticipate very little or no waste associated with sampling zooplankton. Our materials and containers are all reusable. The waste we generate from grocery shopping or from personal hygiene will be deposited at CHARS.	n/a
Researching	Eaux grises	25L/day	Canadian High Arctic Research Station showers	n/a
Researching	Eaux usées (matières de vidange)	1L/day	Canadian High Arctic Research Station toilets	n/a

## Répercussions environnementales :

We anticipate that the collection of 100 zooplankton per lake will not result in any damage (temporary or permanent) to any of the sites. We will attempt to collect zooplankton from the shore. When that is not possible, our first option will be to use our inflatable kayak. If it is too windy for the inflatable kayak we will use the zodiac and 2.5 hp outboard motor. We will rinse any water device we use with clean water.

# **Additional Information**

**SECTION A1: Project Info**

**SECTION A2: Allweather Road**

**SECTION A3: Winter Road**

**SECTION B1: Project Info**

**SECTION B2: Exploration Activity**

**SECTION B3: Geosciences**

**SECTION B4: Drilling**

**SECTION B5: Stripping**

**SECTION B6: Underground Activity**

**SECTION B7: Waste Rock**

**SECTION B8: Stockpiles**

**SECTION B9: Mine Development**

**SECTION B10: Geology**

**SECTION B11: Mine**

**SECTION B12: Mill**

**SECTION C1: Pits**

**SECTION D1: Facility**

**SECTION D2: Facility Construction**

**SECTION D3: Facility Operation**

**SECTION D4: Vessel Use**

**SECTION E1: Offshore Survey**

**SECTION E2: Nearshore Survey**

**SECTION E3: Vessel Use**

**SECTION F1: Site Cleanup**

**SECTION G1: Well Authorization**

**SECTION G2: Onland Exploration**

**SECTION G3: Offshore Exploration**

**SECTION G4: Rig**

**SECTION H1: Vessel Use**

**SECTION H2: Disposal At Sea**

**SECTION I1: Municipal Development**

**Description de l'environnement existant : Environnement physique**

**Description de l'environnement existant : Environnement biologique**

**Description de l'environnement existant : Environnement socio-économique**

**Miscellaneous Project Information**

**Identification des répercussions et mesures d'atténuation proposées**

**Répercussions cumulatives**

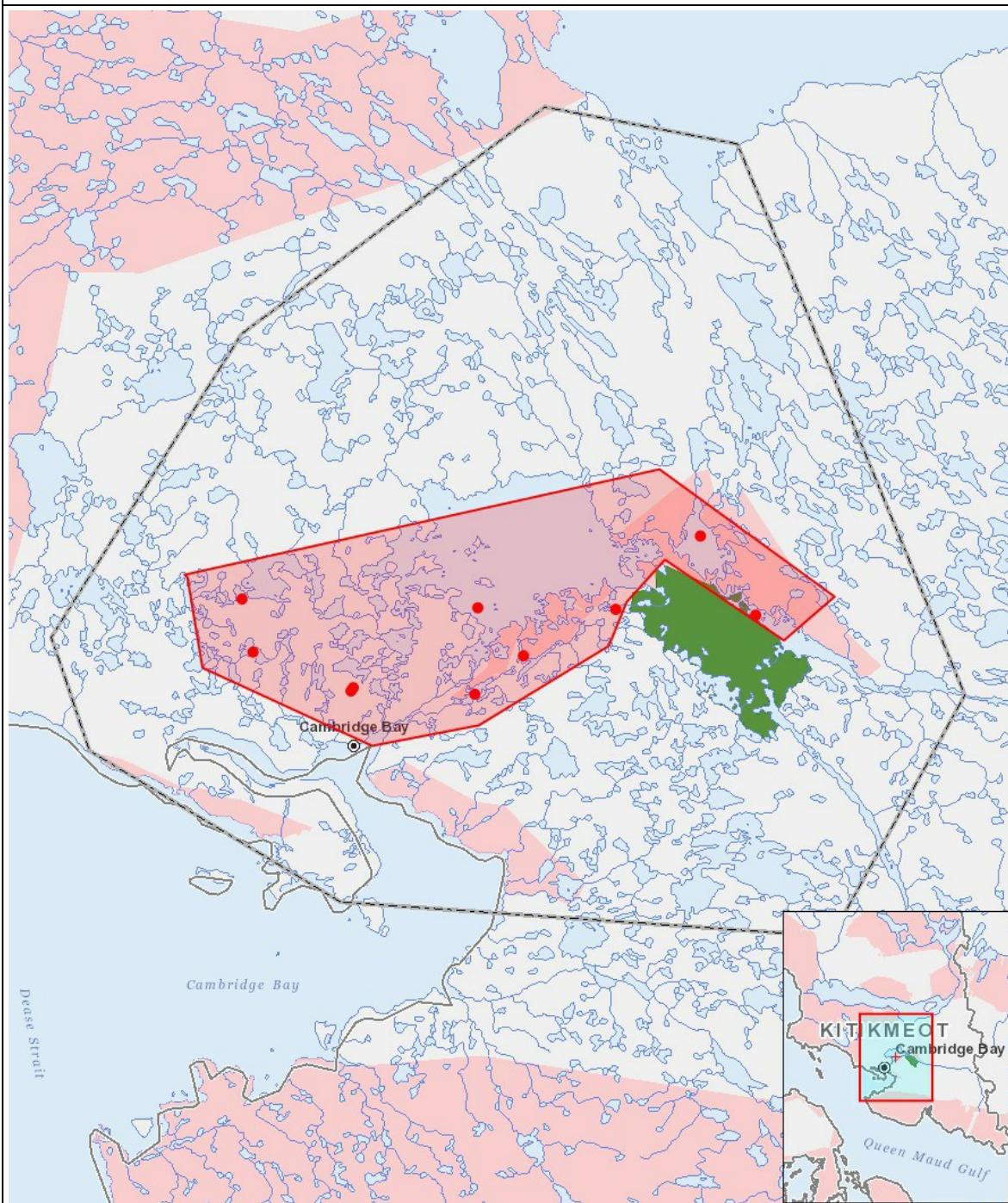
# Impacts

## Identification des répercussions environnementales

PHYSICAL														
	Designated environmental areas													
	Ground stability													
	Permafrost													
	Hydrology / Limnology													
	Water quality													
	Climate conditions													
	Eskers and other unique or fragile landscapes													
	Surface and bedrock geology													
	Sediment and soil quality													
	Tidal processes and bathymetry													
	Air quality													
	Noise levels													
BIOLOGICAL														
	Wildlife, including habitat and migration patterns													
	Birds, including habitat and migration patterns													
	Aquatic species, incl. habitat and migration/spawning													
	Wildlife protected areas													
SOCIO-ECONOMIC														
	Archaeological and cultural historic sites													
	Employment													
	Community wellness													
	Community infrastructure													
	Human health													

(P = Positive, N = Négative et non gérable, M = Négative et gérable, U = Inconnue)

## Site du projet



## Liste des géométries de projet

1	polygon	Tseng-UBC-Invertebrate-Health-Kitikmeot
2	point	Greiner Lake
3	point	First Lake
4	point	Second Lake
5	point	Pelly-Road1
6	point	Pelly-Road2
7	point	Pelly-Road3
8	point	WaterLake-Road1
9	point	WaterLake-Road2
10	point	West-Road1
11	point	West-Road2