



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 19YN044

Project Name: The “**The effect of warming on aquatic invertebrates in the Kitikmeot**” project
Proponent Name: University of British Columbia
Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125492
Comment Deadline: **January 20, 2020**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “The effects of on aquatic invertebrates in the Kitikmeot” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 25 kilometres (km) from Cambridge Bay. The Proponent intends to conduct collect live zooplankton samples from up to ten (10) freshwater lakes or ponds, in order to study the effects of increasing water temperatures on the health of zooplankton. The program is proposed to take place from July 2020. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Transport of up to three (3) persons by all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or motor vehicle to access sampling locations;
- Use of inflatable boat to access lake for sampling activities;
- Undertake sampling and research activities using a hand-held sieve or tow-net to collect zooplankton from lakes; and
- Use of facilities at the CHARS research station in Cambridge Bay for accommodations, water supply, and waste disposal.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **19YN044** 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. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at 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 Keith Morrison, Technical Advisor II toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or kmorrison@nirb.ca.