



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB Re: Notice of Screening for the University of British Columbia's "The Effect of Warming on Aquatic Invertebrates in the Kitikmeot" Project Proposal



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Re: Notice of Screening for the University of British Columbia's "The effect of warming on aquatic invertebrates in the Kitikmeot" Project Proposal

Keith Morrison,

On January 8, 2020 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the University of British Columbia's "The effect of warming on aquatic invertebrates in the Kitikmeot" Project Proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent provide a brief written summary of its interaction with Hamlet of Cambridge Bay and community members on its planned Project activities. This summary should describe meeting dates; types of interaction (e.g., telephone call, email correspondence, in-person visit; etc.); matters discussed; and any agreed upon next steps.

Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures);

CIRNAC is of the view that the potential impacts of the proposed Project can be mitigated through following known practices.



CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent ensure that re-fuelling of all equipment occurs a minimum of thirty-one (31) metres away from the high water mark of any water body, and that spill response equipment and clean-up materials (e.g., shovels, pumps, barrels, drip pans, and absorbents) should be readily available during any transfer of fuel or hazardous substances, at all fuel storage sites and maintenance areas.

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal:

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consider how it will involve the community Cambridge Bay in its Project. The following points should be explored:

- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in the Project design;
- Briefing community members on planned activities;
- Briefing community members on monitoring results; and,
- Training and economic opportunities for community members.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this Project. Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Bingley at (867) 975-4556 or by e-mail at Richard.Bingley2@Canada.ca.

Sincerely,

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