



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 20YN002

Project Name: The “Long term changes in bird populations near Cambridge Bay based on lake sediment records” project

Proponent Name: University of Ottawa

Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125503

Comment Deadline: **February 21, 2020**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Long term changes in bird populations near Cambridge Bay based on lake sediment records” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 300 kilometres (km) from Cambridge Bay. The Proponent intends to conduct research near migratory bird colonies to determine the stability of the bird populations and the effects of past climate change. The program is proposed to take place from June 2020 to July 2022. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Travel by Twin Otter or helicopter to sites located further afield from Cambridge Bay;
- Collection of lake sediment samples using a sediment corer;
- Use of accommodations and facilities at existing field research station at Karrak Lake for;
- Use of facilities and accommodations at the Canadian High Arctic Research Station as needed.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **20YN002** 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 Francis Emingak, Junior Technical Advisor toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or femingak@nirb.ca.