



CIRNAC COMMENTS TO NIRB RE: Notice of Screening for University of Ottawa's "Long Term changes in bird populations near Cambridge Bay based on lake sediment records" Project Proposal



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Via electronic mail to: info@nirb.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for University of Ottawa’s “Long Term Changes in Bird Populations near Cambridge Bay Based on Lake Sediment Records” Project Proposal;

Dear Cory Barker,

On February 11, 2020, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the University of Ottawa’s “Long Term Changes in Bird Populations near Cambridge Bay Based on Lake Sediment Records” 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 is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures);

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

- Drip pans or other equivalent device should be used when refueling equipment. Secondary containment or a surface liner (e.g., self-supporting instaberm and fold-a-tanks) to be used at all refueling stations;
- All personnel are to be properly trained in fuel and hazardous waste handling procedures, as well as spill response procedures;
- Food particles should be removed from grey water to the extent possible before disposal (e.g., install filters on kitchen drains); and,
- No waste oil/grease is to be incinerated on site.



Any matter of importance to the Party related to the Project Proposal.

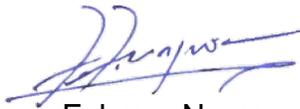
CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent provides a brief written summary of any interaction with Ekaluktutiak Hunters & Trappers Organization that is indicated on the Community Involvement & Regional Benefits table. This summary should describe meeting dates, types of interaction (e.g., telephone call, email correspondence, in-person visit; etc.), matters discussed, and any agreed-upon next steps.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consider how it will involve the communities of Cambridge Bay and Gjoa Haven in the 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 further with the NIRB and the Proponent, as necessary, throughout any further review 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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