



# NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 19YN045

Project Name: The “**Replacement of Buoys for ICE-PPR**” project  
Proponent Name: Department of National Defence (DND)  
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region  
Public Registry: [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) Application No.: 125497  
Comment Deadline: **March 6, 2020**

## PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Replacement of Buoys for ICE-PPR” project is located within the Qikiqtani (North Baffin) region, approximately 580 to 645 kilometres (km) northwest from Grise Fiord. The Proponent intends to airdrop buoys on to the ice to monitor environmental conditions and track ice movement. The program is proposed to take place from March 2020 with buoys to remain until June 2025. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Airdrop of three (3) ice tracker buoys from Royal Canadian Air Force C130 Hercules or CC138 Twin Otter;
- Flight below 300 meters (1000 feet) for approximately 15 minutes per buoy drop; and
- Basing of aircraft out of Resolute Bay

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **19YN045** 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](http://www.nirb.ca).** Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto: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](mailto:kmorrison@nirb.ca).