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**Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding the Government of Nunavut's "Re-establishing the abundance of the Lancaster Sound (LS) Polar Bear subpopulations via genetic mark-recapture sampling" Project Proposal**

Dear Markus Dyck:

On March 23, 2020 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen the Government of Nunavut's (GN) "Re-establishing the abundance of the Lancaster Sound (LS) Polar Bear subpopulations via genetic mark-recapture sampling" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission). On April 16, 2020 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by May 7, 2020.

On or before May 7, 2020 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- *Crown – Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)*
- *Hannah Ijngiaq (Arctic Bay Community Member)*

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125513](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125513). The target documents can be accessed by searching with the following Document ID numbers 329858, 329902 and 329903.

The NIRB would like to provide the GN with an opportunity to address the comments received from parties prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Ministers. The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **May 26, 2020**.

If the GN determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or through the online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4622 or [motokiak@nirb.ca](mailto:motokiak@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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