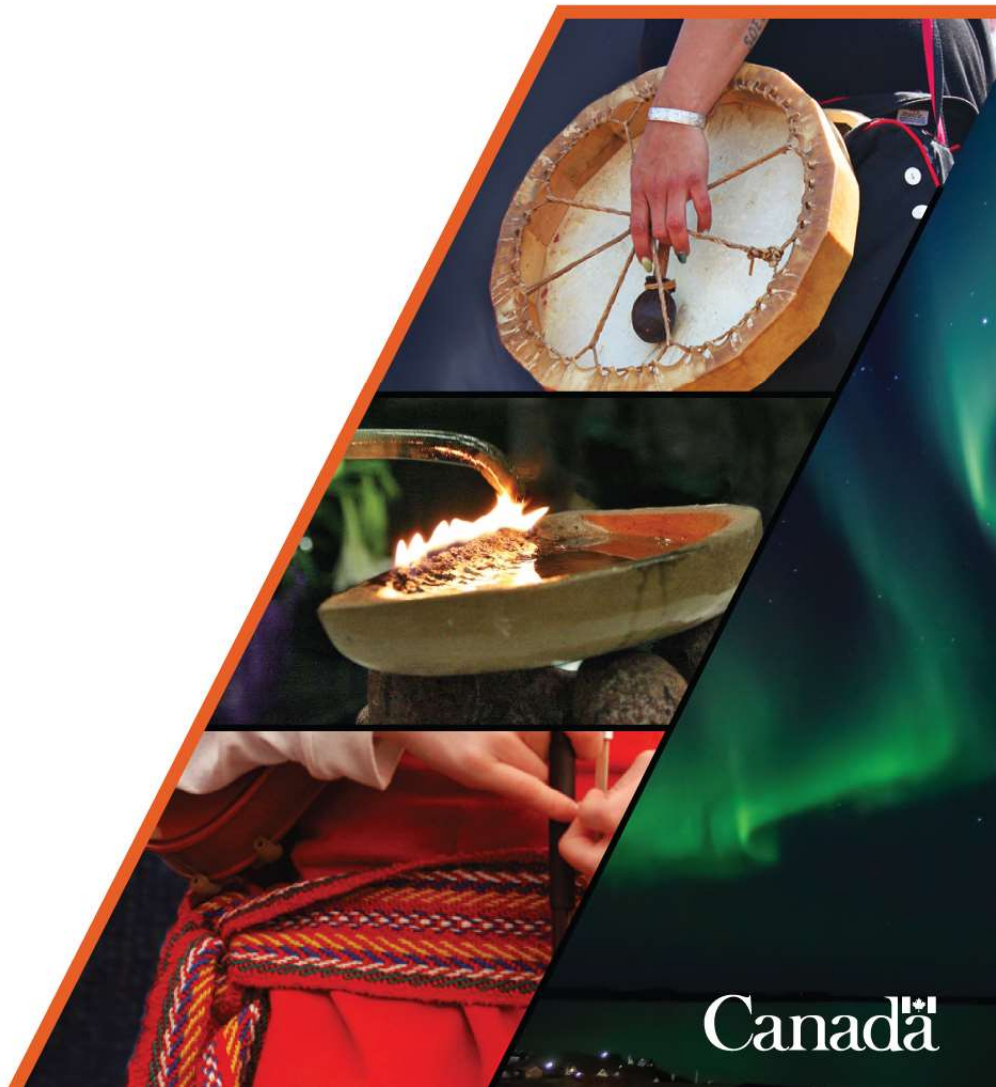




CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Parks Canada's
"Tallurutiup Imanga Underwater Noise Baseline
Pilot" Project Proposal



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Via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Parks Canada's "Tallurutiup Imanga Underwater Noise Baseline Pilot" Project Proposal

Dear Francis Emingak,

On August 26, 2020 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Parks Canada Agency's "Tallurutiup Imanga Underwater Noise Baseline Pilot". Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) has reviewed the Project Proposal and supporting documents and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

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

Potential Environmental Impact Matrix

The Proponent is proposing to use a 28 feet aluminum boat with 364 liter capacity outboard motors. Although, all fuel in use is within boat fuel tank and no fuel is stored, there is still potential for leaks into the water body from the fuel tank. This is not captured under the identification of Potential Environment Impact matrix of the NIRB application.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent update the Identification of Potential Environmental Impact matrix to reflect the potential impacts from possibility of fuel leaks into the water body.

Travel restrictions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Nunavut

CIRNAC recommends the Proponent be reminded that to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Nunavut, the Government of Nunavut's Minister of Health has declared a Public Health Emergency pursuant to the Public Health Act and imposed travel



restrictions. The Proponent must comply with orders from the Chief Public Health Officer of Nunavut when planning project activities.

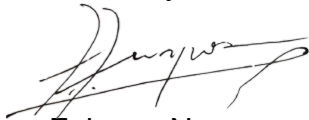
Consultation with interested parties

CIRNAC recommends the Proponent be required to maintain open communication with the Hunters and Trappers Organization of Arctic Bay, the Hamlet, and the community at large on project activities. Community engagement is important because of the possible impacts underwater noise generated by anthropogenic activities may have on the health and abundance of marine wildlife. It is recognized that many Nunavummiut regularly consume and rely on marine-based country foods. In particular, the following considerations should be explored to promote the participation of local Inuit beneficiaries:

- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge or Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in the project design;
- Briefing community members on planned activities;
- Briefing community members on project results; and
- Training and employment 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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