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**Subject:** RE: Mary River Iron Mine, potential impacts to narwhal stocks from related shipping activities

Dear Mr. Kringhorn,

Thank you for your email.

You ask in your email where to direct a letter on the NIRB hearings, and you indicate the Kurtairojuark Hunters and Trappers Association would like to comment on the impacts of narwhal and beluga, in and around Pelly Bay.

To comment on the proposed Baffinland project expansion within the context of the impact assessment, the contact point for the Nunavut Impact Review Board is the Executive Director at the Board, Karen Costello ([kcostello@nirb.ca](mailto:kcostello@nirb.ca)).

Of course if you have any additional concerns or questions about DFO's science information, we

would be happy to discuss at your convenience, in whatever manner you prefer – virtual teleconference or in person. We have staff that do remain within the territorial travel bubble. Should you have any questions or want to follow up, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Regards

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**Subject:** RE: Mary River Iron Mine, potential impacts to narwhal stocks from related shipping activities

Good Day All:

Can I get direction on how to respond, or Who to direct a formal letter on the last NIRB hearings, We the Kurtairojuark Hunters and Trappers Association would like to comment on the impacts of Narwhal, Beluga in and around Pelly bay.

**Ciao**

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Dear Mr. Anablak,

As we believe you are aware, Baffinland Iron Mine Co.'s Phase II project proposal for the Mary River Iron Mine is currently in a NIRB assessment. This proposal would double the amount of iron ore to be shipped through Milne Port, and so it would increase the number of vessel transits (to port and back out) to 176 during the shipping season. The NIRB process remains ongoing, and the date for the final hearing has not yet been set.

During the recent Technical Sessions for the project (held on September 14-18, 2020) DFO was asked about the potential for mixing of narwhal stocks in the area. DFO responded that the available accumulated information on seasonal narwhal migrations in the area indicates that there is a reasonable likelihood that the Somerset Narwhal Stock mixes with other narwhal stocks, such as the Admiralty and Eclipse Sound stocks, near the entrances of Eclipse Sound and along the shipping route for the project. Therefore, if there were to be project-impacts to narwhal along Baffinland's shipping route, it is possible those impacts could affect individual narwhal from the Somerset stock. However if mitigation measures are effective, none of the narwhal stocks would be affected.

We are writing you at this time in order to ensure that you are aware of this information, and to let you know that we are available and would like to meet with you and any of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association communities to provide more details and answer, to the best of our ability, any questions you may have.

For your reference, the link to the Board's registry file for this project is [here](#).

Should you have any questions or want to follow up, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,  
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