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Sent via email: clement.chevallier@canada.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Canadian Wildlife Service’s “1990s Caribou Camp and Fuel Cache Clean-Up (Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary)” Project Proposal

Dear Clément Chevallier:

On January 8, 2021, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Canadian Wildlife Service’s (CWS) “1990s caribou camp and fuel cache clean-up (Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary)” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **21UN001** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On January 11, 2021, the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB’s public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening.

On January 20, 2021, the NIRB released a formal correspondence, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, requesting that the Proponent provide the Board with the information necessary in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On February 17, 2021, the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125576.

Project:	1990s caribou camp and fuel cache clean-up (Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary)				
Region:	Kitikmeot				
Location:	Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary				
Closest Community:	Cambridge Bay - Iqaluktuuttiaq	Distance (approximate)	200 Km	Direction	South
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to conduct a Site Cleanup/Remediation within the Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary.				
Project Proposed Timeline:	August 2021 to August 2023				

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of Twin Otter to remove waste from an abandoned caribou hunting camp to Cambridge Bay for disposal, including;
 - Tent frames and other camp debris;
 - 44 full drums of fuels; and
 - 23 partially full and empty fuel drums;
- Use of helicopter for transport between the camp site and Cambridge Bay;
- Use of a generator for electricity;
- Use of propane (40 liters) and gasoline (20 liters);
- The fuel and the drums from the remediation will be taken to Cambridge Bay for disposal by a local company; and
- Non-Combustible wastes, old wood tent frames, and old stove parts will be taken to Cambridge Bay for disposal by a local company.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry www.nirb.ca/project/125576 and include:

- *Nunavut Planning Commission Referral*
- *Nunavut Planning Commission Project Application*
- *NIRB Online Application*

- *Proponent Letter Regarding Additional Information*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by Canadian Wildlife Service's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **March 12, 2021**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

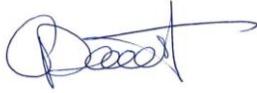
- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125576.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4609 or gdaoust@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (6): Public Notice of Screening (English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun)
Comment Forms (English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun)

cc: Distribution List
Richard Dwyer, Nunavut Water Board
Geoff Clark, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
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Amy Robinson, Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment
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