



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Environment and
Climate Change Canada's "Contaminants in
Seabirds in the Baffin Bay - Davis Strait Region"
Project Proposal



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Via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Environment and Climate Change Canada's "Contaminants in Seabirds in the Baffin Bay - Davis Strait Region" Project Proposal

Dear Mia Otokiak,

On April 23, 2021, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Environment and Climate Change Canada's "Contaminants in Seabirds in the Baffin Bay - Davis Strait Region" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments 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;

CIRNAC #1: Consultation with interested parties.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent maintain open communication with local Hunters and Trappers Organizations, Area Co-Management Committees, as well as other community members and organizations from Pond Inlet and Qikiqtarjuaq which may have an interest in project activities. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activity include:

- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge or Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities in close proximity to the project area;
- Employment, training, and contracting opportunities in the project; and



- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

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 by e-mail at Richard.Bingley2@Canada.ca.

Sincerely,



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