



# NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 21YN022

Project Name: The “**Muskox (*Ovibos moschatus*) Distribution and Abundance of Central Mainland, Nunavut (MX11)**” project proposal

Proponent Name: Government of Nunavut (GN)

Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot

Public Registry: [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) Application No.: 125611

Comment Deadline: **May 28, 2021**

## PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Muskox (*Ovibos moschatus*) Distribution and Abundance of Central Mainland, Nunavut (MX11)” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, from Kugluktuk, Bathurst Inlet, Bay Chimo and Cambridge Bay. The Proponent intends to conduct an aerial survey on the muskox abundance and distribution in the Management Zone MX-11. The program is proposed to take place from July 1, 2021 to September 15, 2021. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of one (1) fixed-wing aircraft to conduct aerial wildlife surveys at altitudes of 150 metres (m) at an airspeed of approximately 160 km/h, with transect lines spaced 8 to 12 km apart;
- Basing of the aircraft and personnel in Kugluktuk and Cambridge Bay with accommodations and fuel sourced locally. Possible landing and refueling might take place at Hope Bay and Back River using on-site fuel.

Please visit the NIRB’s Public Registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **21YN022** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

**You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:**

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).** Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax to **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Guillaume Daoust, Technical Advisor I toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or [gdaoust@nirb.ca](mailto:gdaoust@nirb.ca).