



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 21YN024

Project Name: The “Ecosystem Approach to Trembley Sound (EAT) Program” project
Proponent Name: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125610
Comment Deadline: **June 23, 2021**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Ecosystem Approach to Trembley Sound (EAT) Program” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, near Pond Inlet. The Proponent intends to conduct marine ecosystem research and monitoring of the Eclipse Sound region, including Tremblay Sound and Milne Inlet. This field program consists of passive acoustic monitoring, remote biopsy and tagging of killer whales and photo identification of killer whales. The program is proposed to take place from July 17, 2021 to September 15, 2021. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Installation of hydrophones and recorders to small bottom anchored moorings placed within Milne Inlet and Tremblay Sound to record ambient noise, shipping noise, and marine mammal vocalizations;
- Biopsy collection and satellite tag on killer whale;
- Research and monitoring activities by aluminium boat or zodiac to transport a team of four (4); and
- Activities carried out by Inuit field researchers from Pond Inlet.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **21YN024** 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. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at 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.