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Sent via email: hshilton@qcorp.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation's "Qikiqtani Marine Renewable Energy Resource Assessment" Project Proposal

Dear Heather Shilton:

On May 27, 2021, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation's (NNC) "Qikiqtani Marine Renewable Energy Resource Assessment" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin 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 **21YN028**.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On May 27, 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 June 9, 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 June 14, 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/125616.

Project:	Qikiqtani Marine Renewable Energy Resource Assessment
Region:	Qikiqtani
Location:	Five (5) communities to be determined
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to assess the Marine Renewable Energy (MRE) potential for the 13 hamlets in the Qikiqtani region.
Project Proposed Timeline:	June 2021 to July 2022

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

- Desktop data collection in all 13 communities through discussions with the communities and various relevant organizations, followed by a selection of five (5) communities with the highest potential;
- Use of vessel-mounted Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADPC) to perform transect measurements in the selected communities;
- Deployment of bottom-mounted ADCP from the two (2) communities with the highest MRE potential to collect additional data;
- Hiring of local crew members and vessels in each community to conduct research;
- Use of multibeam sonar to perform transect measurements; and
- Fuel sourced at the communities for refueling activities.

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/125616 and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application and Questionnaire*
- *NIRB Online Application*
- *Non-Technical Summary in English, Inuktitut, and French*

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 NNC project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **July 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/125616.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or motokiak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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

cc: Distribution List
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