



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 21YN028

Project Name: The “Qikiqtani Marine Renewable Energy Resource Assessment” Project
Proponent Name: Nunavut Nukkiqsautiit Corporation
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125616
Comment Deadline: **July 12, 2021**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Qikiqtani Marine Renewable Energy Resource Assessment” project is located within the Qikiqtani (North Baffin) region, with five (5) communities to be determined. The Proponent intends to assess the Marine Renewable Energy (MRE) potential for the 13 hamlets in the Qikiqtani region. The program is proposed to take place from June 2021 to July 2022. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB 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;
- Hiring of local crew members and vessels in each community to conduct research;
- Use of multibeam sonar to perform transect measurements.
- Use of vessel-mounted Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADPC) to perform transect measurements in the selected communities;

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **21YN028** 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 Mia Otokiak, Junior Technical Advisor toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or motokiak@nirb.ca.