



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 21YN029

Project Name: The “Healy Baffin Bay Survey” project
Proponent Name: Woods Oceanographic institution (WHOI)
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125618
Comment Deadline: **August 2, 2021**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Healy Baffin Bay Survey” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, transiting through Baffin Bay from Greenland. The Proponent intends to determine the fate of the freshwater carried into Baffin Bay by the West Greenland Boundary Current, and to establish the pathways by which heat from the current gets diverted to the Uummannaq region glaciers of West Greenland. The program is proposed to take place from September to October 2021. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Research activities carried out on icebreaker USCGC Healy; including
- Use of scientific instruments to measure ocean properties;
- Use of chloroform for measuring nutrients in water samples; and
- Combustible and non-combustible waste to be properly disposed of.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **21YN029** 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.