



**SCREENING DECISION REPORT**  
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Following the Nunavut Impact Review Board’s (NIRB or Board) assessment of all materials provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of Fisheries and Oceans Canada’s “Ecosystem Approach to Tremblay Sound (EAT) Program” is not required pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.4.4(a) of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*).

Subject to the Proponent’s compliance with the terms and conditions as set out in below, the NIRB is of the view that the project proposal is not likely to cause significant public concerns, and it is unlikely to result in significant adverse environmental and social impacts. The NIRB therefore recommends that the responsible Minister accepts this Screening Decision Report.

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The primary objectives of the NIRB are set out in Article 12, Section 12.2.5 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and are confirmed by s. 23 of the *NuPPAA*:

*Nunavut Agreement*, Article 12, Section 12.2.5: In carrying out its functions, the primary objectives of NIRB shall be at all times to protect and promote the existing and future well-being of the residents and communities of the Nunavut Settlement Area, and to protect the ecosystemic integrity of the Nunavut Settlement Area. NIRB shall take into account the well-being of the residents of Canada outside the Nunavut Settlement Area.

The purpose of screening is provided for under Article 12, Section 12.4.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 88 of the *NuPPAA* which states:

*NuPPAA*, s. 88: The purpose of screening a project is to determine whether the project has the potential to result in significant ecosystemic or socio-economic impacts and, accordingly, whether it requires a review by the Board...

To determine whether a review of a project is required, the NIRB is guided by the considerations as set out under Article 12, Section 12.4.2(a) and (b) of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 89(1) of *NuPPAA* which states:

*NuPPAA*, s. 89(1): The Board must be guided by the following considerations when it is called on to determine, on the completion of a screening, whether a review of the project is required:

- (a) a review is required if, in the Board's opinion,
  - i. the project may have significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic impacts or significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities,
  - ii. the project will cause significant public concern, or
  - iii. the project involves technological innovations, the effects of which are unknown; and
- (b) a review is not required if, in the Board's opinion,
  - i. the project is unlikely to cause significant public concern, and
  - ii. its adverse ecosystemic and socioeconomic impacts are unlikely to be significant, or are highly predictable and can be adequately mitigated by known technologies.

It is noted that under Article 12, Section 12.4.2(c) and s. 89(2) of the *NuPPAA* provides that the considerations set out in s.89(1)(a) prevail over the considerations set out in s. 89(1)(b) of the *NuPPAA*.

As set out under Article 12, Section 12.4.4 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 92(1) of the *NuPPAA*, upon conclusion of the screening process, the Board must provide its written report the Minister. The contents of the NIRB's report are specified under *NuPPAA*:

*NuPPAA*, s. 92(1): The Board must submit a written report to the responsible Minister containing a description of the project that specifies its scope and indicating that:

- (a) a review of the project is not required;
- (b) a review of the project is required; or
- (c) the project should be modified or abandoned.

Where the NIRB determines that a project may be carried out without a review, the NIRB has the discretion to recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval of the project proposal pursuant to paragraph 92(2)(a) of *NuPPAA* as follows:

*NuPPAA*, s. 92(2) In its report, the Board may also

- (a) recommend specific terms and conditions to apply in respect of a project that it determines may be carried out without a review.

## PROJECT REFERRAL

On April 23, 2021, the NIRB received a referral to screen Fisheries and Oceans Canada’s (DFO) “Ecosystem Approach to Tremblay Sound (EAT) Program” 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 *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 87 of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB commenced screening this project proposal and assigned it file number **21YN024**.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW & THE NIRB ASSESSMENT PROCESS

### 1. Screening Process Timelines

The following key stages were completed for the screening process:

Date	Stage
April 23, 2021	Receipt of project proposal and positive conformity determination (North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Commission.
May 10, 2021	Request to complete public registry online and provide information pursuant to s. 144(1) of the <i>NuPPAA</i>
May 28, 2021	Receipt of online application from Proponent
May 28, 2021	Scoping pursuant to s. 86(1) of the <i>NuPPAA</i>
June 2, 2021	Public engagement and comment request
June 23, 2021	Receipt of public comments
July 14, 2021	Issuance of Screening Decision Report

## 2. 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/125610](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125610).

<b>Project:</b>	Ecosystem Approach to Tremblay Sound (EAT) Program		
<b>Region:</b>	Qikiqtani		
<b>Location:</b>	Eclipse Sound, Tremblay Sound and Milne Inlet		
<b>Closest Community:</b>	Pond Inlet	<b>Direction</b>	Southwest
<b>Summary of Project Description:</b>	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.		
<b>Project Proposed Timeline:</b>	July 17, 2021 to September 15, 2021		

As required under s. 86(1) of the *NuPPAA*, the Board accepts the scope of the project as set out by DFO in the proposal. The scope of the project proposal 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.

## 3. Inclusion or Exclusion to Scoping List

The NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB proceeded with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

## 4. Public Comments and Concerns

Notice regarding the NIRB's screening of this project proposal was distributed on June 2, 2021, to community organizations in Pond Inlet as well as to relevant federal and territorial government agencies, Inuit organizations, and other parties. The NIRB requested that interested parties review the proposal and provide the Board with any comments or concerns by June 23, 2021, 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.

On or before June 23, 2021, the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- **Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)**
- **Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)**

*a. Summary of Public Comments and Concerns Received during the Public comment period of this file*

The following provides a summary of the comments and concerns received by the NIRB:

**Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada**

- CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to prioritize the employment and training of local Inuit as well as procurement with Inuit owned businesses when implementing project activities. Such efforts will allow for positive effects to be realized by community members and the local Inuit population. As a result, Pond Inlet community members and businesses should be prioritized in any project-related employment and procurement opportunities that may be made available.

**Fisheries and Oceans Canada**

- Based on the information provided, the proposal has been identified as a project that will not require an authorization under the Fisheries Act or the Species at Risk Act. It remains the responsibility of the proponent to remain in compliance with the Fisheries Act, avoid prohibited effects on listed aquatic species at risk, any part of their critical habitat or the residences of their individuals, and prevent the introduction of non-indigenous species.
- It is the Proponent's duty to notify DFO if they have caused, or are about to cause, the death of fish by means other than fishing and/or the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat. Such notifications should be directed to [FisheriesProtection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:FisheriesProtection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) or 1-855-852-8320.

*b. Comments and Concerns with respect to Inuit Qaujimaningit, Traditional, and Community Knowledge*

The following is a summary of the comments and concerns received with respect to Inuit Qaujimaningit, traditional and community knowledge:

## **Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada**

- CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent maintain open communication with the Hamlet of Pond Inlet, the Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization, as well as any community members and organizations which may have an interest in the project's activities. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities include:
  - Incorporation of Inuit knowledge or Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
  - Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
  - The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
  - Training and employment opportunities for community members;
  - Procurement opportunities for local businesses, and
  - Regular updates on the status of project activities.

### ASSESSMENT OF THE PROJECT PROPOSAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 3 OF *NuPPAA*

In determining whether a review of the project is required, the Board considered whether the project proposal had potential to result in significant ecosystemic or socio-economic impacts.

Accordingly, the assessment of impact significance was based on the analysis of those factors that are set out under s. 90 of the *NuPPAA*. The Board took particular care to take into account Inuit Qaujimaningit, traditional and community knowledge in carrying out its assessment and determination of the significance of impacts.

The following is a summary of the Board's assessment of the factors that are relevant to the determination of significant impacts with respect of this project proposal:

<b>Factor</b>	<b>Comment</b>
The size of the geographic area, including the size of wildlife habitats, likely to be affected by the impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The physical footprint of the proposed project components is within the Eclipse Sound region including Tremblay Sound and Milne Inlet.</li> <li>▪ The proposed project would take place within marine habitats of far-ranging wildlife species.</li> </ul>
The ecosystemic sensitivity of that area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The research will occur within the Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area.</li> </ul>
The historical, cultural and archaeological significance of that area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Due to the nature of the proposed project, activities would not be expected to interact with or impact historical, cultural, or archaeological sites.</li> </ul>
The size of the human and the animal populations likely to be affected by the impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The research project will interact with marine mammals, but solely during a short period of time.</li> </ul>
The nature, magnitude and complexity of the impacts; the probability of the impacts occurring; the frequency and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As a proposed research project, the nature of potential impacts is considered to be well-</li> </ul>

Factor	Comment
duration of the impacts; and the reversibility or irreversibility of the impacts.	<p>known, with potential for localized impacts to the biophysical environment that are temporary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ With adherence to the relevant regulatory requirements and application of the mitigation measures recommended by the NIRB, no significant residual effects are expected to occur.</li> </ul>
The cumulative impacts that could result from the impacts of the project combined with those of any other project that has been carried out, is being carried out or is likely to be carried out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The mitigation measures recommended by the NIRB have been designed with consideration for the potential for cumulative effects to result from the impacts of the project combined with other past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects.</li> </ul>
Any other factor that the Board considers relevant to the assessment of the significance of impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No other relevant factors were identified.</li> </ul>

**Other past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects considered in this assessment:**

NIRB Project Number	Project Title	Project Type
<i>Present Projects – approved or in operation</i>		
08MN053	Mary River Iron Mine	Mine

**VIEWES OF THE BOARD**

In considering the factors as set out above in the screening of the project proposal, the NIRB has identified a number of issues below and respectfully provide the following views regarding whether or not the proposed project has the potential to result in significant impacts. In addition, the NIRB has proposed terms and conditions that would mitigate the potential adverse impacts identified.

The NIRB has listed specific Acts and Regulations below that may be applicable to the project proposal but this list should not be considered as a complete list and the Proponent is responsible to ensure that it follows all Acts and Regulations that may be applicable to the project proposal.

**Ecosystem, wildlife habitat and Inuit harvesting activities:**

<b>Valued Component</b>	Marine Mammals, Fish and Fish Habitat, and Species at Risk
<b>Potential effects:</b>	Potential adverse effects to marine species, and their migratory routes from noise and visual disturbance generated from the transportation of personnel and equipment via boat to the proposed research sites, tagging operation and the installation of data collection equipment. Potential impacts to fish and fish habitat from fuel spills and waste generated by project activities.

<b>Nature of Impacts:</b>	The potential for impacts is considered to be limited due to infrequent and temporary activities and any resulting impacts would be expected to be reversible.
<b>Mitigating Factors:</b>	The proponent assures that tagging operations will follow the Canadian Council on Animal Care guidelines. The research project seeks to understand cumulative effects of shipping and killer whales on narwhals.
<b>Proposed Terms and Conditions:</b>	Wildlife General – 6, 7, 8 Marine-Based Activities – 9 and 10 Waste Management – 11 Fuel and Chemical Storage – 12
<b>Related Acts and/or Regulations:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The <i>Species at Risk Act</i> (<a href="http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-15.3/index.html">http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-15.3/index.html</a>). Attached in <b>Appendix A</b> is a list of Species at Risk in Nunavut.</li> <li>2. The <i>Wildlife Act (Nunavut)</i> and its corresponding regulations (<a href="http://www.canlii.org/en/nu/laws/stat/snu-2003-c-26/latest/snu-2003-c-26.html">http://www.canlii.org/en/nu/laws/stat/snu-2003-c-26/latest/snu-2003-c-26.html</a>).</li> <li>3. The <i>Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act</i> (<a href="https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-7.3/FullText.html">https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-7.3/FullText.html</a>).</li> </ol>

<b>Valued Component</b>	Inuit harvesting and traditional land use activities
<b>Potential effects:</b>	No specific concerns or impacts to public and traditional land use activities in the area have been identified. However, the Board is recommending terms and conditions to ensure project activities are informed by available Inuit Qaujimaningit and that project activities do not interfere with Inuit wildlife harvesting or traditional land use activities.
<b>Nature of Impacts:</b>	Due to the close distance to Pond Inlet and the research occurring in Inuit harvesting areas, the noise and tagging from the operation may temporarily change distribution of harvested species through avoidance, although no comments were received from the community on this aspect. The potential for impacts is considered to be minimal due to the temporary and low-impact nature of the activities and any resulting impacts would be expected to be reversible.
<b>Mitigating Factors:</b>	The research will inform on two stresses affecting Inuit harvesting of narwhals: killer whales and underwater sound from vessels activities.
<b>Proposed Terms and Conditions:</b>	Other – 13 and 14
<b>Related Acts and/or Regulations:</b>	1. The <i>Nunavut Act</i> ( <a href="http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/N-28.6/">http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/N-28.6/</a> ).

### **Socio-economic effects on northerners:**

<b>Valued Component</b>	Local hiring, contracting, and economic impact
<b>Potential effects:</b>	The potential for impacts is considered to be positive as the Proponent has committed to contract local Inuit from Pond Inlet and that the 2021 field program and beyond will continue to hire, train, and work with Inuit researchers.
<b>Nature of Impacts:</b>	The potential for impacts is considered to be positive for the community due to local hiring and contracting.
<b>Mitigating Factors:</b>	Recommended terms and conditions
<b>Proposed Terms and Conditions:</b>	Other - 15
<b>Related Acts and/or Regulations:</b>	N/A

### **Technological innovations for which the effects are unknown:**

- No specific issues have been identified associated with this project proposal

### **Administrative Conditions:**

To encourage compliance with applicable regulatory requirements and assist the Board and responsible authorities with compliance and effects monitoring for project activities, the following project-specific terms and conditions have been recommended: 1-5.

In considering the above factors and subject to the Proponent's compliance with the terms and conditions necessary to mitigate against the potential adverse environmental and social effects, the Board is of the view that the proposed project is unlikely to cause significant public concern and its adverse ecosystemic and socioeconomic impacts are unlikely to be significant, or are highly predictable and can be adequately mitigated by known technologies.

### RECOMMENDED PROJECT-SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Board is recommending the following specific terms and conditions to apply in respect of the project:

#### **General**

1. Fisheries and Oceans Canada (the Proponent) shall maintain a copy of the Project Terms and Conditions at the site of operation at all times and make it accessible to enforcement officers upon request.
2. The Proponent shall operate in accordance with all commitments stated in correspondence provided to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC File No.: 149435), and the NIRB (Online Application Form, May 28, 2021). This information should be accessible to enforcement officers upon request.

3. The Proponent shall operate the site in accordance with all applicable Acts, Regulations and Guidelines.
4. The Proponent shall ensure that it meets the standards and/or limits as set out in the authorizing agencies' permits or licences as required for this project.
5. The Proponent shall ensure that all personnel, staff and contractors are adequately trained prior to commencement of all project activities, and shall be made aware of all operational plans, management plans, guidelines and Proponent commitments relating to the project.

#### **Wildlife – General**

6. The Proponent shall not substantially alter or damage or destroy any wildlife habitat in conducting this operation unless otherwise authorized by the appropriate authorizing agencies.
7. The Proponent shall not chase, weary, harass or molest wildlife. This includes persistently circling, chasing, hovering over, pursuing or in any other way harass wildlife, or disturbing large groups of animals.
8. The Proponent shall not hunt or fish, unless proper Nunavut authorizations have been acquired.

#### **Marine-Based Activities**

9. The Proponent shall maintain a distance of 100 metres if a Polar Bear is encountered on land or ice while conducting activities from a zodiac or other small craft; all interaction with Polar Bears should be avoided if possible.
10. The Proponent shall maintain a distance of 500 metres of a walrus haul out while conducting activities from a zodiac or other small craft.

#### **Waste Management**

11. The Proponent shall manage all hazardous and non-hazardous waste including food, domestic wastes, debris and petroleum-based chemicals (e.g., greases, gasoline, glycol-based antifreeze) in such a manner to avoid release into the environment and access to wildlife at all times until disposed of appropriately or at an approved facility.

#### **Fuel and Chemical Storage**

12. The Proponent shall ensure that all spills of fuel or other deleterious materials of 100 litres or more must be reported immediately to the 24-hour Spill Line at (867) 920-8130.

#### **Other**

13. The Proponent should consult with local residents regarding their activities in the area and solicit available Inuit Qaujimaningit and information that can inform project activities.

14. The Proponent shall ensure that project activities do not interfere with Inuit wildlife harvesting or traditional land use activities.

15. The Proponent should, to the extent possible, hire local people and access local services where possible.

#### OTHER NIRB CONCERNS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In addition to the project-specific terms and conditions, the Board is recommending the following:

#### **Change in Project Scope**

1. Responsible authorities or Proponent shall notify the Nunavut Planning Commission and/or Parks Canada as appropriate, and the NIRB of any changes in operating plans or conditions, including phase advancement, associated with this project prior to any such change.

#### CONCLUSION

The foregoing constitutes the Board's screening decision with respect to the Fisheries and Oceans Canada's "Ecosystem Approach to Tremblay Sound (EAT) Program". The NIRB remains available for consultation with the Minister regarding this report as necessary.

Dated July 14, 2021 at Baker Lake, NU.



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Kaviq Kaluraq, Chairperson

Attachments: Appendix A: Species at Risk in Nunavut

## APPENDIX A: SPECIES AT RISK IN NUNAVUT

Due to the requirements of Section 79(2) of the Species at Risk Act (SARA), and the potential for project-specific adverse effects on listed wildlife species and its critical habitat, measures should be taken as appropriate to avoid or lessen those effects, and the effects need to be monitored. Project effects could include species disturbance, attraction to operations and destruction of habitat. This section applies to all species listed on Schedule 1 of SARA, as listed in the table below, or have been assessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), which may be encountered in the project area. This list may not include all species identified as at risk by the Territorial Government. The following points provide clarification on the applicability of the species outlined in the table.

- Schedule 1 is the official legal list of Species at Risk for SARA. SARA applies to all species on Schedule 1. The term “listed” species refers to species on Schedule 1.
- Schedule 2 and 3 of SARA identify species that were designated at risk by the COSEWIC prior to October 1999 and must be reassessed using revised criteria before they can be considered for addition to Schedule 1.
- Some species identified at risk by COSEWIC are “pending” addition to Schedule 1 of SARA. These species are under consideration for addition to Schedule 1, subject to further consultation or assessment.

If species at risk are encountered or affected, the primary mitigation measure should be avoidance. The Proponent should avoid contact with or disturbance to each species, its habitat and/or its residence. All direct, indirect, and cumulative effects should be considered. Refer to species status reports and other information on the species at risk Registry at <http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca> for information on specific species.

Monitoring should be undertaken by the Proponent to determine the effectiveness of mitigation and/or identify where further mitigation is required. As a minimum, this monitoring should include recording the locations and dates of any observations of species at risk, behaviour or actions taken by the animals when project activities were encountered, and any actions taken by the proponent to avoid contact or disturbance to the species, its habitat, and/or its residence. This information should be submitted to the appropriate regulators and organizations with management responsibility for that species, as requested.

For species primarily managed by the Territorial Government, the Territorial Government should be consulted to identify other appropriate mitigation and/or monitoring measures to minimize effects to these species from the project.

Mitigation and monitoring measures must be undertaken in a way that is consistent with applicable recovery strategies and action/management plans.

Schedules of SARA are amended on a regular basis so it is important to check the SARA registry ([www.sararegistry.gc.ca](http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca)) to get the current status of a species.

Updated: September 2019

<b>Terrestrial Species at Risk<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>COSEWIC Designation</b>	<b>Schedule of SARA</b>	<b>Government Organization with Primary Management Responsibility<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Migratory Birds</b>			
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Special Concern	Schedule 1	Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
Common Nighthawk	Threatened	Schedule 1	ECCC
Eskimo Curlew	Endangered	Schedule 1	ECCC
Harlequin Duck	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Harris's Sparrow	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Horned Grebe	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Ivory Gull	Endangered	Schedule 1	ECCC
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Threatened	Schedule 1	ECCC
Peregrine Falcon	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Red Knot Islandica Subspecies	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Red-necked Phalarope	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Ross's Gull	Threatened	Schedule 1	ECCC
Rusty Blackbird	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Short-eared Owl	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
<b>Vegetation</b>			
Porsild's Bryum	Threatened	Schedule 1	Government of Nunavut (GN)
<b>Arthropods</b>			
Transverse Lady Beetle	Special Concern	No Schedule	GN
<b>Terrestrial Wildlife</b>			
Caribou (Dolphin and Union Population)	Endangered	Schedule 1	GN
Caribou (Barren-ground Population)	Threatened	No Schedule	GN
Caribou (Torngat Mountains Population)	Endangered	No Schedule	GN
Grizzly Bear (Western Population)	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Peary Caribou	Endangered	Schedule 1	GN
Polar Bear	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Wolverine	Special Concern	Schedule 1	GN
<b>Marine Wildlife</b>			
Atlantic Walrus (High Arctic Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
Atlantic Walrus (Central/Low Arctic Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO
Beluga Whale (Cumberland Sound Population)	Threatened	Schedule 1	DFO
Beluga Whale (Eastern Hudson Bay Population)	Endangered	No Schedule	DFO

1 The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has responsibility for aquatic species.

2 Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has a national role to play in the conservation and recovery of Species at Risk in Canada, as well as responsibility for management of birds described in the Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA). Day-to-day management of terrestrial species not covered in the MBCA is the responsibility of the Territorial Government. Populations that exist in National Parks are also managed under the authority of the Parks Canada Agency.

<b>Terrestrial Species at Risk<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>COSEWIC Designation</b>	<b>Schedule of SARA</b>	<b>Government Organization with Primary Management Responsibility<sup>2</sup></b>
Beluga Whale (Eastern High Arctic-Baffin Bay Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO
Beluga Whale (Western Hudson Bay Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO
<b>Fish</b>			
Atlantic Cod (Arctic Lakes Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO
Fourhorn Sculpin (Freshwater Form)	Data Deficient	Schedule 3	DFO
Lumpfish	Threatened	No Schedule	DFO
Thorny Skate	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO