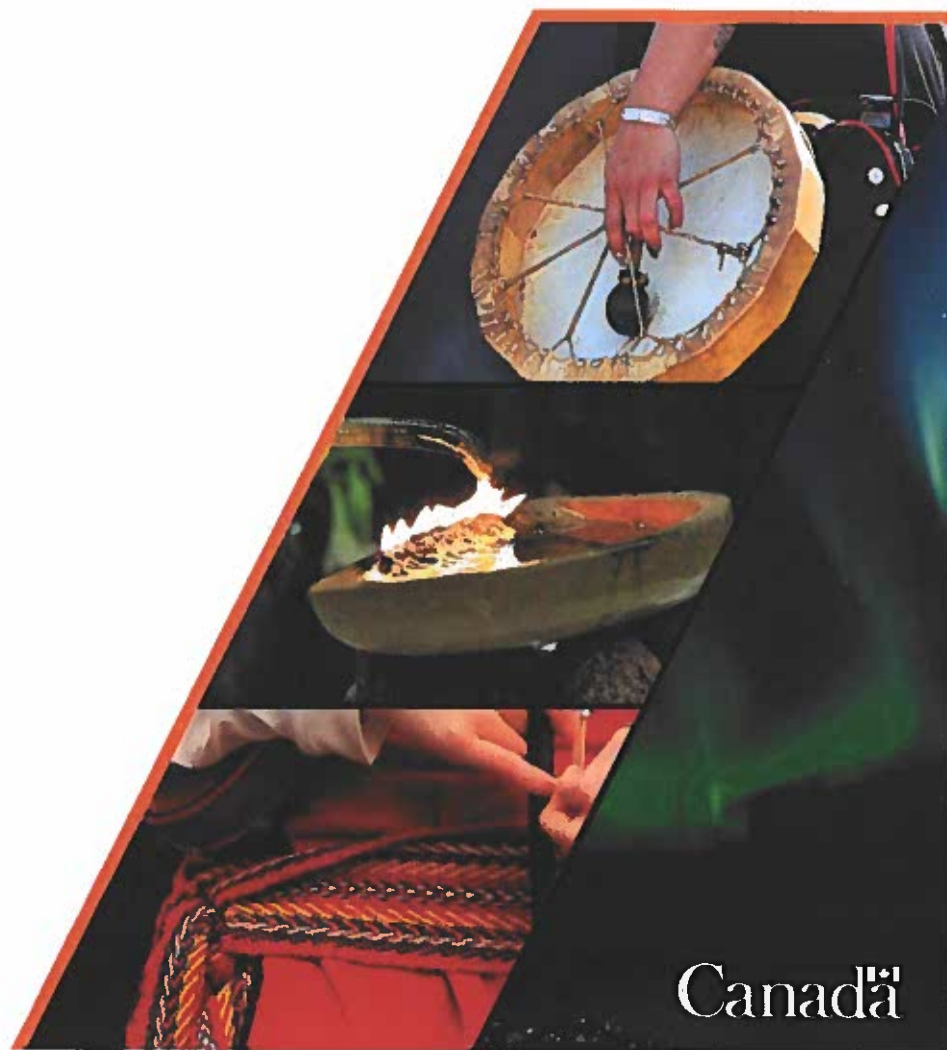




CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for the University of Washington's
"The Arctic Observing Network: Capturing and
Understanding Arctic Change with Renewed Observations at
the Davis Strait Gateway" Project Proposal



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July 23, 2021

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Via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for the University of Washington's
"The Arctic Observing Network: Capturing and Understanding Arctic Change
with Renewed Observations at the Davis Strait Gateway" Project Proposal**

Dear Francis Emingak,

On July 14, 2021, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the University of Washington's "The Arctic Observing Network: Capturing and Understanding Arctic Change with Renewed Observations at the Davis Strait Gateway" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal;

CIRNAC #1: Transport Canada Contacts

CIRNAC notes that the Proponent's Spill Response Plan does not any contacts for reporting any potential spills in Canadian waters.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent contact Transport Canada's NORDREG office by telephone at 1 (867) 979-5269 or by email at IqaNordreg@innav.gc.ca, as well as Transport Canada's Marine Safety and Security Services, with contact information at https://tc.canada.ca/en/corporate-services/prairie-northern-region#marine_edmonton, for information on any requirements that may apply while in Canadian waters.

CIRNAC #2: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consult with the Hamlet of Qikiqtarjuaq, the Nattivak Hunters' & Trappers' Organization, as well as community members and other



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 and 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; and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Bingley by e-mail at richard.bingley2@canada.ca, or David Abernethy by telephone at 1 (867) 222-1610 or email at david.abernethy@canada.ca.

Sincerely,



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