



## COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

<b>Project Proposal Title:</b> Capturing and Understanding Arctic Change with Renewed Observations	
<b>Proponent:</b> University of Washington	
<b>Location:</b> Qikiqtani South Baffin Region	
<b>Comments Due By:</b> July 23, 2021	<b>NIRB #:</b> 21YN030

  

**Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no concerns	<input type="checkbox"/> traditional uses of land
<input type="checkbox"/> water quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Inuit harvesting activities
<input type="checkbox"/> terrain	<input type="checkbox"/> community involvement and consultation
<input type="checkbox"/> air quality	<input type="checkbox"/> local development in the area
<input type="checkbox"/> wildlife and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> tourism in the area
<input type="checkbox"/> marine mammals and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> human health issues
<input type="checkbox"/> birds and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fish and their habitat	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> heritage resources in area	_____

  

**Please describe the concerns indicated above:**

Your proposal has been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to result in the death of fish by means other than fishing and the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat which are prohibited under subsections 34.4(1) and 35(1) of the *Fisheries Act*; and, effects to listed aquatic species at risk, any part of their critical habitat or the residences of their individuals in a manner which is prohibited under sections 32, 33 and subsection 58(1) of the *Species at Risk Act*.

  

**Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?**

The Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program encourage all project proponents to avoid causing the death of fish and the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat. 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.



**Do you support the project proposal? Yes ☒ No ☐ Any additional comments?**

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.

If you have any questions please contact Rick Kiriluk at our Burlington office at 289-230-1327 or by email at [Rick.Kiriluk@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:Rick.Kiriluk@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

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