



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 21YN037

Project Name: The “Char Habitat Restoration” project
Proponent Name: Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association (KAA)
Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125626
Comment Deadline: **August 6, 2021**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Char Habitat Restoration” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 160 kilometres (km) from Kugluktuk. The Proponent intends to restore stream channels at two (2) locations selected by the community to facilitate the fall migration of Arctic Char and reduce the number of stranded fish. The two locations are Nakyoctok River (Richardson Islands) and Kimikyoak River (Read Island). The objective is to create channels that are deep enough to allow adult fish to pass easily upstream using the natural environment and the use of hand tools and manual labor. Water samples and fish samples may be collected with the collaboration between Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organization, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and the University of Waterloo. The program is proposed to take place from July 26, 2021 to September 24, 2022. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Temporary 10-person camp with the use of canvas tents at each site;
- Use of up to 55 pounds of non-explosive boulder breaker (Dexpan) for cracking boulders;
- Use of a charter aircraft to transport equipment and supplies;
- Water and Fish samples may be collected opportunistically to support the larger research project funded by Fisheries and Oceans Canada Coastal Restoration Fund.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **21YN037** 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 Francis Emingak, Junior Technical Advisor toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or femingak@nirb.ca.