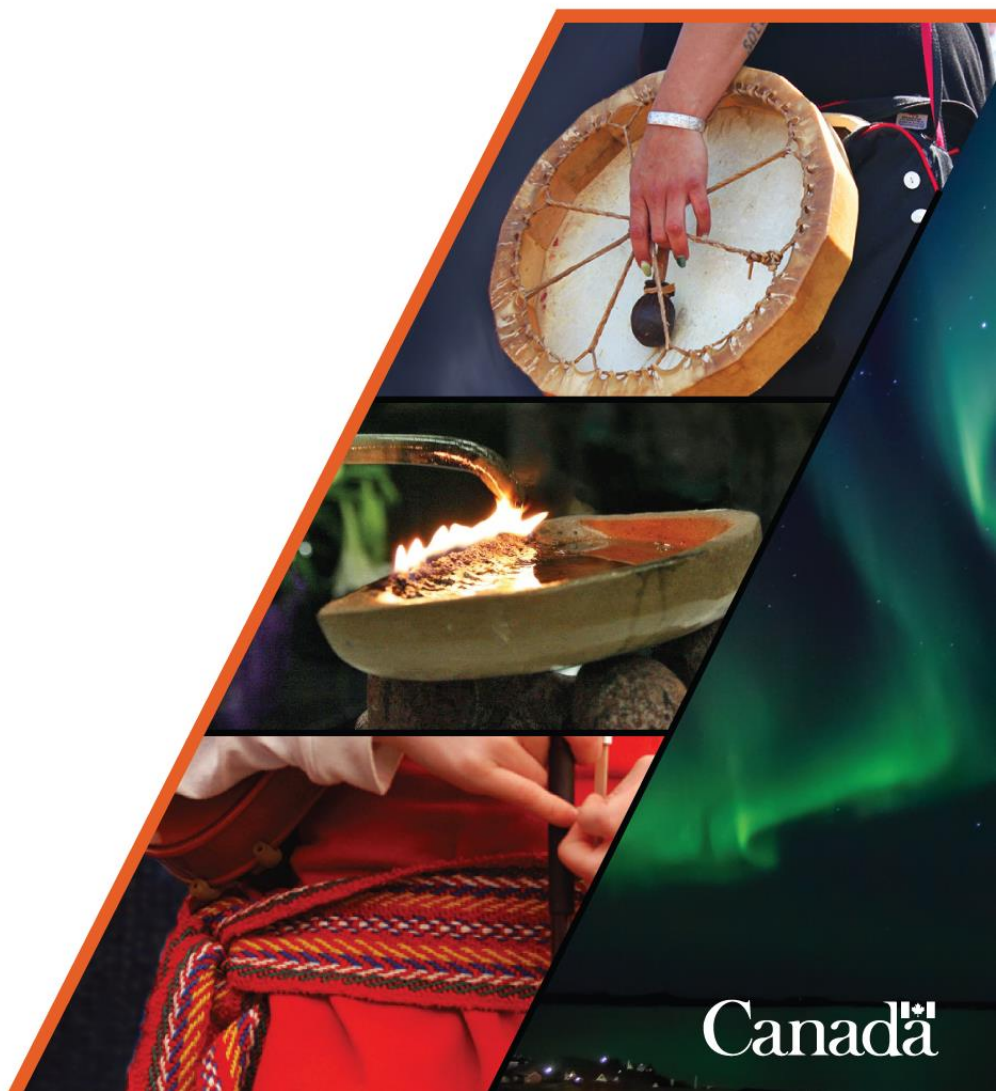




# CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Kugluktuk Angoniatit  
Association's "Char Habitat Restoration" Project Proposal



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**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Government of Nunavut's "Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association's "Char Habitat Restoration" Project Proposal**

Dear Francis Emingak,

On July 27, 2021 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association's "Char Habitat Restoration" 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:

**Whether the Project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures):**

**CIRNAC #1: Fuel and the Identification of Environmental Impacts Matrix**

CIRNAC notes that the Proponent has not indicated any mitigation measures for potential spills that may occur during the proposed activities, and that the Identification of Environmental Impacts matrix does not indicate the potential of negative effects on water. Given that there is a potential for fuel spills on the marine environments, CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent provide rationale for not identifying potential negative effects for water in the Identification of Environmental Impacts matrix, and expand on potential mitigation measures for fuel spills that may occur during project activities.

**Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.**

**CIRNAC #2: Potential for positive effects to Inuit through employment, training, and procurement opportunities.**



CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent 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, Inuit and Inuit-owned businesses situated in Kugluktuk should be prioritized in any project-related employment, training, and procurement opportunities that may be made available.

**CIRNAC #3: Consultation with interested parties.**

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consult with the Hamlet of Kugluktuk, 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;
- Training and employment opportunities for community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local businesses, 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 Courtney White by e-mail at [courtney.white@canada.ca](mailto:courtney.white@canada.ca) or David Abernethy at (867) 222-1610 or email at [david.abernethy@canada.ca](mailto:david.abernethy@canada.ca).

Sincerely,



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