



# NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 21UN004

Project Name: The “Arctic Bay Small Craft Harbour Development” project  
Proponent Name: Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Small Craft Harbour  
Project Type: Other Region: Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region  
Public Registry: [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) Application No.: 125580  
Comment Deadline: **September 14, 2021**

## PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Arctic Bay Small Craft Harbour Development” project is located within the Qikiqtani (North Baffin) region, in the municipal boundaries of Arctic Bay. The Proponent intends to construct a small craft harbour to support safe access to the land and sea in the context of rapid environmental changes in the Arctic and in support of community fish harvesting and marine mammal harvest, ensuring local fishing operations have access to safe harbours and landing facilities. With construction carried out from 2022 to 2025. The project is expected to be operational in the summer of 2026. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Construction and development of a Small Craft Harbour, including the development of a boat launch ramp, and floating docks that would be removed during winter
- Sourcing fuel locally for fuel use activities during the life of the project
- Sourcing of water locally for the life of the project
- Hazardous harbour infrastructure to be returned to the south in sealed drums and disposed of properly

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **21UN004** 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](http://www.nirb.ca).** Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto: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 Mia Otokiak, Junior Technical Advisor toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or [motokiak@nirb.ca](mailto:motokiak@nirb.ca).