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Sent via email: Eleanor.mcewan@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Small Craft Harbours’ “Clyde River Small Craft Harbour Development” project proposal

Dear Eleanor McEwan:

On June 22, 2021 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Small Craft Harbours’ “Clyde River Small Craft Harbour Development” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **21YN032**.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On June 22, 2021 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB’s public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening.

On July 2, 2021 the NIRB released a formal correspondence, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, requesting that the Proponent provide the Board with the information necessary in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On August 19, 2021 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125631.

Project:	Clyde River Small Craft Harbour Development
Region:	Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region
Location:	Within the municipal boundaries of Clyde River
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to provide safe and accessible facilities for the community to pursue the local livelihood, including marine fish and mammal harvesting, and provide infrastructure needed to develop commercial fisheries.
Project Proposed Timeline:	Mobilization of equipment and materials, and potentially some site preparation work in 2022. Construction carried out from 2023 to 2025. The project is expected to be operational in the summer of 2026.

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Construction and development of a Small Craft Harbour (SCH), including the development of a:
 - Revetment along the shoreline;
 - Floating wharves;
 - Community boat launch within the SCH basin;
 - Three breakwaters (southern, northern and sealift breakwaters);
 - Sealift positioned outside of the SCH;
 - New fixed wharf for larger vessels;
 - Laydown area for storage of materials and goods;
 - New mooring bollard;
 - Access road along the southern breakwater to the new fixed wharf;
 - Harbour lighting along the breakwater access road, fixed wharf and floating wharves landing area, and an electrical service on the fixed wharf;
 - Aids to navigate at the ends of the northern and southern breakwaters.
- Construction and use of a temporary camp to support project activities;
- Construction of a temporary construction staging, laydown and storage areas;
- Development of a new quarry to support project activities during construction;
- Replacement of two (2) existing culverts located East and West of the project site;
- Upgrades to haul road and river crossing;
- Use of heavy equipment for the construction and development of the project;
- 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;
- Combustible and non-combustible wastes to be disposed of at the local landfill; and
- Greywater and sewage waste to be disposed of at the local sewage lagoon.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry www.nirb.ca/project/125631 and include:

- *Commission Application and Questionnaire*
- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *NIRB Application*
- *Project Description*
- *Non-Technical Summary in English and Inuktitut*
- *Community Consultation December 2019*
- *Construction Environmental Management Plan*
- *Environmental and Socio-Economic Baseline Survey*
- *Final Community Consultation Summary Report*
- *Project Proposal Report*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by DFO - SCH project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **September 14, 2021**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125631.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or motokiak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English, and Inuktitut)
Comment Forms (English, and Inuktitut)

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