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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Transport Canada Comments: NIRB 125580 / 21UN004: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for DFO - SCH's "Arctic Bay Small Craft Harbour Development" Project Proposal
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Good Day,

Transport Canada (TC) has reviewed Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Small Craft Harbours' (DFO-SCH) "Arctic Bay Small Craft Harbour Development" project proposal and have the following comments to provide related to our mandate:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
 - TC understands that the proposed project will generally be a large improvement and a benefit to the communities. The public and communities are currently being consulted and site visits are being conducted to determine the required needs from the communities. A representative from TC's Navigation Protection Program will be participating in the upcoming public and community consultations and site visits planned for the week of September 13, 2021.
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
 - TC does not have any comments related to our mandate with respect to adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects.
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; if so, why;
 - TC does not have any comments related to our mandate with respect to adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities.
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures)
 - TC is of the opinion that potential effects to navigation are known. Specifically, the new harbours will improve the ability for the communities to access their vessels and depart into the ocean during all weather conditions. The improvements will benefit the communities by providing an area for a fixed wharf for sea lift barge landing, floating wharves for community vessels, launch facility as well as the breakwater to minimize impacts from wave action. Marking of the

breakwaters and the harbours have been addressed through Canadian Coast Guard-Aids to Navigation to keep marking and safety lighting consistent through all of these works.

- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.
 - TC will consider any navigation questions or concerns raised during the review process, consultations, and site visits and TC will include terms and conditions within our navigation approval(s) to mitigate impacts to navigation safety. Since the proposed small craft harbour is located on a Scheduled water body under the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* (CNWA), Fisheries and Oceans Canada will be applying to TC for regulatory review of the project and subsequent approval.

Please let me know if you require any clarification or additional information.

Sincerely,

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