



# CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Fisheries and Oceans  
Canada – Small Craft Harbours’ “Arctic Bay Small  
Craft Harbour Development” Project Proposal



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Via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Small Craft Harbours’ “Arctic Bay Small Craft Harbour Development” Project Proposal**

Dear Mia Otokiak,

On August 24, 2021, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Small Craft Harbours’ “Arctic Bay Small Craft Harbour Development” 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:

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

**CIRNAC #1: 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 Arctic Bay should be prioritized in any project-related employment, training, and procurement opportunities that may be made available.

**CIRNAC #2: Consultation with Interested Parties**

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with the Hamlet of Arctic Bay, community members, the Ikajutit Hunters and Trappers Association, and any other organizations which may have an interest in the project’s activities (e.g., the Arctic Bay

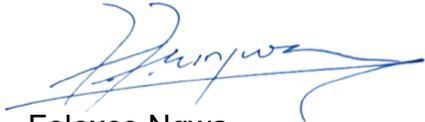


Nauttisuqtiit [Guardian] Program). Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities include:

- Safety precautions associated with the construction and operation of the small craft harbour, new quarry, temporary camp, and access roads;
- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- 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 Richard Bingley by e-mail at [richard.bingley2@canada.ca](mailto:richard.bingley2@canada.ca), or David Abernethy (867) 222-1610 or email at [david.abernethy@canada.ca](mailto:david.abernethy@canada.ca).

Sincerely,



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