



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

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



GCDOCS # 97768372



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Via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Small Craft Harbours’ “Clyde River 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’ “Clyde River 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: Servicing and Re-fuelling Equipment and Vehicles

Section 5.2.5.11 of the Construction Environmental Management Plan states;

“When existing local facilities are not available for refuelling, equipment and vehicles must be serviced and refuelled at least 15 m away from sensitive habitats unless secondary containment is used, preferably over an impermeable surface (e.g., drip trays)...”

CIRNAC recommends that re-fuelling of all equipment should occur a minimum of thirty-one (31) metres away from the high water mark of any water body.



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 Clyde River 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 continue to consult with the Hamlet of Clyde River, community members, the Nangmoutaq Hunters and Trappers Association, and any other organizations which may have an interest in the project's activities. 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 and temporary camp, quarrying activities, and use of access roads;
- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge and Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit 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, or David Abernethy (867) 222-1610 or email at david.abernethy@canada.ca.

Sincerely,



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