



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT  
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**Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Small Craft Harbours’ “Clyde River Small Craft Harbour Development” Project Proposal, Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region**

Dear Land Administrators:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board’s (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Ministers Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Honourable Seamus O’Regan, Minister of Natural Resources, and Honourable Omar Alghabra, P.C., Minister of Transport for Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Small Craft Harbours’ “Clyde River Small Craft Harbour Development” in the Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region, dated October 18, 2021.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Ministers that **a review of the project is not required** in accordance with s. 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Ministers.

In the absence of a response from the Ministers, regulatory authorities should take note of s. 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: “A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed.” Contravention of s. 75(1) of the *NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4605 or [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure (2): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 21YN032 (English and Inuktitut) (October 18, 2021)

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