



# NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 13YN021

Project Name: The “Reducing Risk to Coastal Communities and Offshore Infrastructure caused by Marine Geohazards” project

Proponent Name: Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN)

Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani Region

Public Registry: [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) Application No.: 125695

Comment Deadline: **May 30, 2022**

## PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Reducing Risk to Coastal Communities and Offshore Infrastructure caused by Marine Geohazards” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, in the community of Grise Fiord. The Proponent intends to investigate the stability of the seabed in fjords near Grise Fiord. The program is proposed to take place from August 5 to August 20, 2022. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Coring and mapping the coastal environment
  - Collection of seabed sediment with gravity core
  - Collection of coastal samples with shovels
  - Mapping with echosounder attached to the ship
- Use of the Government of Nunavut research vessel *Nuliajuk*.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **13YN021** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

**You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:**

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).** Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Keith Morrison, Manager, Impact Assessment toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or [kmorrison@nirb.ca](mailto:kmorrison@nirb.ca).