



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 22YN035

Project Name: The “ICAAP Increasing Carbon Accumulation in Arctic Peatlands” Project
Proponent Name: University of Exeter
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125700
Comment Deadline: **June 20, 2022**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “ICAAP Increasing Carbon Accumulation in Arctic Peatlands” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 25 kilometres (km) from Pond Inlet. The Proponent intends to conduct research to better understand the carbon dynamics of Arctic peatlands. The program is proposed to take place in July 2022. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Hiring of local guides and rental of All-terrain vehicles (ATV) and boat for transportation
- Use of diesel-powered peat corer to collect soil core, including permanently frozen ground
- Use of handheld soil sampler to collect samples at research sites and
- Use of a micro drone to survey the topography and plant communities at sample sites

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **22YN035** 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. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at 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 Mia Otokiak, Junior Technical Advisor toll-free at (867) 983-4622 or miotokiak@nirb.ca.