



# NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 22YN033

Project Name: The “Nunavut Feasibility Study” project  
Proponent Name: Fisheries and Oceans Canada-Small Craft Harbours (DFO-SCH)  
Project Type: Research Region: Kivalliq and Qikiqtani Regions  
Public Registry: [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) Application No.: 125698  
Comment Deadline: **July 13, 2022**

## PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Nunavut Feasibility Study” project is located in the Kivalliq and Qikiqtani regions, within the Municipal boundaries of Coral Harbour, Chesterfield Inlet, Naujaat, and Sanikiluaq. The Proponent intends to conduct an engineering feasibility study for the construction of Small Craft Harbours (SCH) in four (4) communities in Nunavut: Sanikiluaq, Coral Harbour, Naujaat and Chesterfield Inlet. The goal is to inform the engineering and environmental deliverables for the Project. A field program will be required which is planned for the open-water season of 2022 focusing on environmental, geoscience, geophysics and archaeological baseline studies in each location. A future drilling program will be undertaken in each of the communities at the detailed design phase of the Project. The program is proposed to take place from July 2022 to August 2023. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Scientific Collection (Marine) Transect line, iPad, clinometer, ROV, depth sounder, fishing equipment, plankton net, CTD, Niskin sampler, Petite ponar, drogue
- Scientific Collection (Terrestrial) GPS, iPad, binoculars, kestrel pocket weather meter, camera, quadrat, measuring tape, pins, flags, plant press, hand lens
- Use of a charter (plane) to fly the crew in and out of each of the communities
- Scientific Collection (Geotechnical/topographic) Geotechnical hammer, tape measure, hand lens, seismograph, hydrophones, submersible hydro cable, drone, GPS control stations

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **22YN033** 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 Francis Emingak, Junior Technical Advisor toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or [femingak@nirb.ca](mailto:femingak@nirb.ca).