



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Environment and
Climate Change Canada “Assessing Contaminants
in Seabird Habitats in Eclipse Sound” Project
Proposal



GCDPCS # 104375610



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Environment and Climate Change Canada “Assessing Contaminants in Seabird Habitats in Eclipse Sound” Project Proposal

Dear Francis Emingak,

On July 5, 2022 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Environment and Climate Change Canada “Assessing Contaminants in Seabird Habitats in Eclipse Sound” project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the response below as it pertains to NIRB’S request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CIRNAC 1: Fuel Management

CIRNAC notes that the Proponent has identified use of small boats from the community to access sampling sites. However, the Proponent has not identified any potential fuel impacts or information regarding fuel management. Impacts arising from field sampling are most often related to the means of transportation used to get to the sampling sites.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent identify potential environmental impacts associated with the use of fuel throughout the project, and clarify how potential fuel spills will be mitigated and if necessary cleaned. Impact reduction measures should include, but are not limited to:

- Reduced speeds within the vicinity of wildlife and birds;
- Avoid on-water refueling of boats.

CIRNAC 2: Waste Management

CIRNAC notes that the Proponent has not identified any information regarding waste management procedures.



CIRNAC recommends the Proponent clarify how waste generated throughout the project will be managed or disposed of. CIRNAC recommends that all waste generated at field sites be bagged and carried back to the community for proper disposal.

CIRNAC 3: 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 Arviat and Pond Inlet should be prioritized in any project-related employment, training, and procurement opportunities that may be made available.

CIRNAC 4: Consultation with interested parties

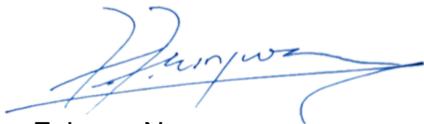
CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consult with the Hamlets and Hunters and Trappers Organizations in Arviat and Pond Inlet. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities should include:

- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge and Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- 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 phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Courtney White by e-mail at courtney.white@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or Jalen Tagoona by e-mail at Jalen.tagoona@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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