



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 22YN034

Project Name: The “Far North Fiber Marine Route Survey” project
Proponent Name: Far North Digital
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani and Kitikmeot Regions
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125720
Comment Deadline: **November 9, 2022**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Far North Fiber Marine Route Survey” project is located within the Qikiqtani and Kitikmeot regions, approximately 50-150 kilometres (km) from Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay and Resolute Bay. The Proponent intends to conduct a survey to determine the possible route for a future fiber cable. The program is proposed to take place from July 2022 to October 2024. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Sail through the Northwest Passage (Parry Channel) to conduct a survey on the best possible route for a fiber cable network from Europe to Asia, via Nunavut waters
- Conduct a Burial Assessment Survey (BAS) using a Cone Penetrometer
- Use of sidescan and depth measurement sonars to profile the bottom topography

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **22YN034** 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 Robby Qammaniq, Technical Advisor II toll-free at (867) 983-4618 or rqammaniq@nirb.ca.