



# NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 22YN056

Project Name: The “Iqaluit Community Fishers – DFO OPP” project  
Proponent Name: Ocean Networks Canada  
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani (South Baffin)  
Public Registry: [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) Application No.: 125741  
Comment Deadline: **December 8, 2022**

## PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Iqaluit Community Fishers – DFO OPP” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 80 kilometres (km) from Iqaluit. The Proponent intends to collect a baseline of oceanographic data so that there is a greater understanding of the seasonal dynamic of water exchange in Frobisher Bay. The program is proposed to take place from November 2022 to March 2023. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Hiring and training of local community members to do the research
- Use of multi-parameter oceanographic equipment that collects water samples
- Use of local vehicles (boats, snowmobiles) to access sampling sites
- Use of ice auger to drill holes in ice to collect water samples

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **22YN056** 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 Mia Otokiak, Technical Advisor I toll-free at (867) 983-4622 or [motokiak@nirb.ca](mailto:motokiak@nirb.ca).