



# NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 22TN063

Project Name: The “Black Feather Request for Commercial Guiding Permit in Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary” project

Proponent Name: Black Feather

Project Type: Tourism Region: Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region

Public Registry: [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) Application No. 125748

Comment Deadline: **February 28, 2023**

## PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Black Feather Request for Commercial Guiding Permit in Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 30 kilometres (km) from Pond Inlet. The Proponent intends to conduct adventure tourism trips based out of Pond Inlet and would like a permit to access the Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary. The program is proposed to take place from April 2023 to August 2025. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Setup and removal of a temporary base camp on ice/snow for the Ski and Floe Edge trips, and on sand/gravel for the Hiking trips.
- Hiring of local personnel as guides, bear monitors and other personnel as needed
- Use of snowmobiles and qamutiks to transport personnel and equipment to facilitate tourist activities.
- Removal of wastes (sewage and garbage) for proper disposal.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **22TN063** 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).