



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 23YN020

Project Name: The “**High Arctic Cetacean Survey 2023**” project
Proponent Name: Fisheries and Oceans Canada’s (DFO)
Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot/Kivalliq/Qikiqtani Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca 125740
Comment Deadline: **May 16, 2023.**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Fisheries and Oceans Canada’s” project is located within the Kitikmeot/Kivalliq/Qikiqtani Region. The Proponent intends to conduct an aerial survey of cetaceans in Nunavut waters. The program is proposed to take place from August 2023. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Aerial surveys on a Twin Otter equipped with bubble windows and an optical glass covered camera hatch at the rear.
- Surveys will be taken along transect lines from an altitude of 610 meters (2000ft)

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **23YN020** 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 Guillaume Daoust, Technical Advisor II toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or gdaoust@nirb.ca.