



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 23YN022

Project Name: The “**Rapid assessment of tundra plant diversity using small bits of genetic code found in the soil**” project

Proponent Name: University of Zurich

Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot Region

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125806

Comment Deadline: **May 19, 2023**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Rapid assessment of tundra plant diversity using small bits of genetic code found in soil” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 20 kilometres (km) from Cambridge Bay. The Proponent intends to conduct soil sampling. The program is proposed to take place from July 2023 to August 2023. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Collection of soil samples from three (3) locations around Cambridge Bay.
- Use of drones for mapping sample locations.
- Travel on foot or ATV to sample site locations; and

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **23YN022** 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 Keith Morrison Manager, Impact Assessment toll-free at 867-983-4617 or kmorrison@nirb.ca.