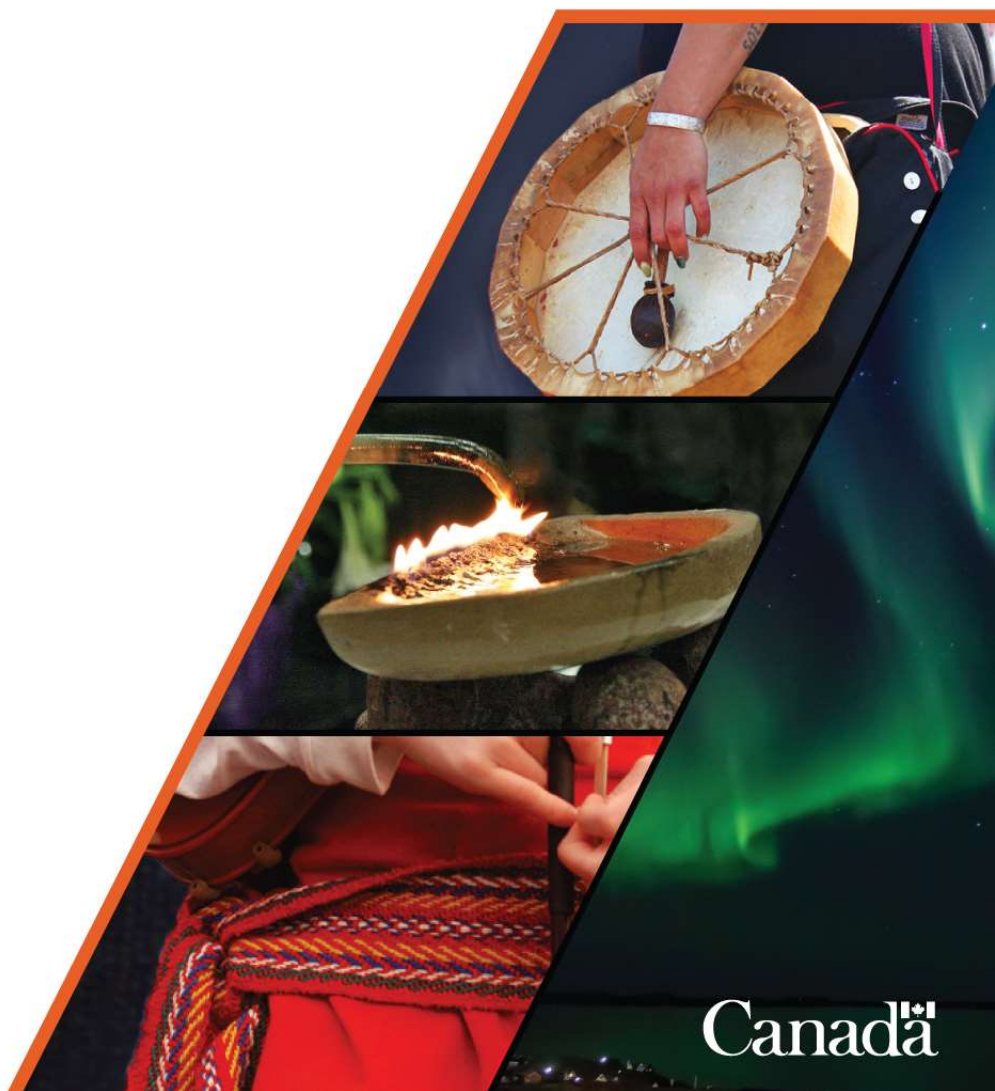




CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Fisheries and Oceans Canada's "High Arctic Cetacean Survey 2023" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Fisheries and Oceans Canada's "High Arctic Cetacean Survey 2023" Project Proposal

Dear Guillaume Daoust,

On April 25, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Fisheries and Oceans Canada's "High Arctic Cetacean Survey 2023" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CIRNAC #1: Potential for positive effects to Inuit through employment, training, and procurement opportunities.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent prioritize the employment and training of Inuit located in Pangnirtung, Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Grise Fiord, Resolute Bay, Taloyoak, Kugaaruk, Igloolik, Sanirajak, and Nauyasat as well as procurement with Inuit-owned businesses when implementing project activities. Such efforts will allow for positive effects to be realized by community members and the local Inuit population.

CIRNAC #2: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with the relevant interested Indigenous peoples and organizations. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities should include, but not be limited to:


- Incorporation of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity to the project area;



- Training and employment opportunities for community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local businesses; and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Bingley by e-mail at richard.bingley2@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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