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To: Mary River Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**Re: Agenda for the NIRB's Marine Monitoring and Marine Mitigation Workshop in Pond Inlet for the Mary River Project (NIRB File No. 08MN053)**

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Dear Parties:

On May 8, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) distributed its *revised* notification for the 2023 Marine Monitoring and Marine Mitigation Workshop to be held in Pond Inlet to discuss the Mary River project (NIRB File No.: 08MN053; Project Certificate No. 5 Amendment 4). Please find attached the Agenda for the Workshop.

The meetings are to focus on allowing discussion on community-related concerns for project impacts to the marine environment and monitoring activities. Some agencies with regulatory responsibilities for the Project may be present to receive and respond to community feedback and understand the issues of priority for the community. The Workshop will consist of in-person sessions running throughout the day in the Atakaalik Community Hall in Pond Inlet.

Should you have any questions regarding the upcoming Community Update Meeting as well as Marine Monitoring and Marine Mitigation Workshop in Pond Inlet, please contact Cory Barker, Technical Advisor III, at [cbarker@nirb.ca](mailto:cbarker@nirb.ca) or (867) 983-4607.

Sincerely,

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## APPENDIX A – AGENDA

**NIRB File No.:** 08MN053 – Marine Monitoring and Marine Mitigation Workshop  
**Proponent:** Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation  
**Facilitator:** Karen Costello, NIRB Executive Director  
**Location:** Atakaalik Community Hall, Pond Inlet, NU  
**Dates & Times:** May 24, 2023: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm (evening session)  
May 25, 2023: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Note:** Times are approximate, and the order of topics may be flexible based on the priority of community feedback. A 10-15 minute health break will be provided during each morning, afternoon, and evening session.

### TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.

Monitoring Update to discuss the NIRB’s annual monitoring activities in association with the NIRB’s site visits. The NIRB will provide a presentation followed by questions from the community.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023

1. NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks (*20 minutes*)
  - Objectives of the Workshop
  - Discussion of the NIRB’s role
  - Introduction of Participants
  - Housekeeping Items
  - Overview of Agenda
2. Baffinland Overview Presentation (*30 minutes*)
  - Previously approved ore production and transportation/shipment
  - Overview of 2022 shipping activities and mitigation applied
  - Actions taken to address the commitments made to the Board’s previous Marine Workshop Recommendations
  - Overview of the upcoming shipping season
3. Discussion Topics
  - Updates on Vessel Management protocols (anchorage and drifting zones)
4. Break for lunch on own
5. Baffinland Presentation (*30 minutes*): Updates and Status of Baffinland’s Marine Monitoring Programs
  - Baffinland’s overall approach to marine environment effects monitoring, development of management, and mitigation measures
  - Overview of each program, data collected to date, implications for applied mitigation, and planned 2023 activities

- Community Feedback received on 2022 shipping season activities
  - Project-specific shipping notifications for shipping activities, communications protocols for shipping vessels, and public notices
6. Open discussion topics:
- Ballast water exchange and concerns around invasive species
  - Community perspectives on project-related shipping and impacts
7. Supper break on own
8. Evening session
- Baffinland presentation (10 minutes)
    - a) 2022 shipping activities, mitigation applied, monitoring conducted and results, and activities for 2023 shipping season, mitigation and monitoring activities including community engagements
  - Question and answer session with the public

### THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023

1. Opening Remarks (*10 minutes*)
2. Baffinland Presentation (*30 minutes*): Update on the Marine Mitigation and Monitoring Working Group
  - Compliance status with NIRB Project Certificate - marine terms and conditions
  - Community feedback on shipping season (including engagement with Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization)
  - Coordination with community-based monitoring activities
  - Effectiveness of current monitoring and mitigation measures
3. Open discussion topics:
  - Results of ongoing community-based monitoring programs relevant to the marine environment
  - Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) and marine mammals around the shipping route
  - Community involvement in decision-making through Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization and effectiveness in mitigating impacts
  - Any other topics identified by the community
4. Question and answer session with the public
5. Workshop wrap-up and next steps