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Sent via email: Valerie.wynja@ec.gc.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Environment and Climate Change Canada's "OPP 2.0 Baseline Shoreline Mapping" project proposal

Dear Valerie Wynja:

On May 9, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) "OPP 2.0 Baseline Shoreline Mapping" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan. On May 15, 2023, the NIRB received the complete application from the Proponent.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **23YN025** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

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| Project: | OPP 2.0 Baseline Shoreline Mapping |
| Region: | Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Regions |
| Location: | Southern coastline of Lancaster Sound and coastline around Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak |
| Summary of Project Description: | The Proponent intends to collect information to help emergency responders plan and prepare for potential marine pollution incidents. |

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| Project Timeline: | Proposed | August to September 2023 |
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According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of a helicopter to conduct low-altitude surveys at study sites;
 - Flying over Bylot Island and Prince Leopold Migratory Bird Sanctuaries to capture geotagged videos and photos.
- Two temporary fuel caches to support refueling during helicopter surveys;
- Use of video camera and camera to capture videos and pictures of shorelines;
- Use of two (2) drones to collect high resolution imagery; and
- First set of surveys based out of Gjoa Haven and second set based off of a Canadian Coast Guard vessel.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry www.nirb.ca/project/125811 and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application & Questionnaire*
- *NIRB Application*
- *ECCC Mapping Overview*
- *Equipment Set Up*
- *Map of ECCC Shoreline Mapping Study Area*
- *Proponent Eml Hamlet of Pond Inlet*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by ECCC's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **June 16, 2023**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;

- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Additionally, please be aware that the NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are required to coordinate their processes¹ for projects that require a water licence, especially municipal undertakings in order ensure the timely review and processing of the application. In undertaking a coordinated NIRB-NWB process, the Proponent must provide information through the assessment to satisfy both the impact assessment requirements as well as the water licensing process; furthermore, where information to satisfy each process is similar, coordination of the timing or contents of applications may be considered when information is being submitted to both organizations. However, the Proponent has the option to request or opt out of a coordinated process at any time. Should the Proponent wish to discontinue the coordinated process, the Proponent may do so in writing to both the NIRB and the NWB.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125811.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or motokiak@nirb.ca.

¹ As per Sections 13.5.2 and 13.6.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, s. 193 of *NuPPAA*, and s. 37 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (2): Public Notice of Screening (English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun)
Comment Forms (English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun)

cc: Distribution List
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