



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 23YN025

Project Name: The “OPP 2.0 Baseline Shoreline Mapping” project
Proponent Name: Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No. 125811
Comment Deadline: **June 16, 2023**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “OPP 2.0 Baseline Shoreline Mapping” project is located within the Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani region, around Southern coastline of Lancaster Sound and coastline around Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak. The Proponent intends to collect information to help emergency responders plan and prepare for potential marine pollution incidents. The program is proposed to take place from August to September 2023. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB 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;

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **23YN025** 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 Mia Otokiak, Technical Advisor I toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or motokiak@nirb.ca.