



**NIRB File No.: 08DN056**  
CIRNAC File No.: N2021N0007

December 7, 2023

Abiodun Ashcroft  
Coordinator, Real Property Management  
Defence Construction Canada  
180 Kent Street  
Ottawa, ON K1P 0B6

Sent via email: [Abiodun.Ashcroft@dcc-cdc.gc.ca](mailto:Abiodun.Ashcroft@dcc-cdc.gc.ca)

**Re: Acknowledgement of the 2022 Annual Report for Defence Construction Canada's "Northern Watch Technology Demonstration Project"**

---

Dear Abiodun Ashcroft:

Please be advised that the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Defence Construction Canada's (DCC) 2023 Annual Report for the "Northern Watch Technology Demonstration Project" on March 15, 2023, as required pursuant to the Monitoring and Reporting Requirements condition 1 of the Screening Decision Report, dated June 19, 2008.

Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Condition 1 states:

- a. A summary of activities undertaken for the reporting years, including local hires and initiatives;
- b. A work plan for the following year;
- c. A wildlife monitoring report with a "Wildlife Log" to record and map wildlife (both terrestrial and marine mammals) observations and critical habitats including:
  - Location (i.e., latitude and longitude), Number of animals and Species;
  - Description of the gender and age of animals if possible;
  - Description of the animal activity (behavior prior to encounter and response to human presence);
  - Timing of critical life history events observed for all wildlife including terrestrial and marine species (i.e. calving, mating, denning, nesting, migration, etc.);
  - All potential impacts to wildlife from project activities;
  - All actions / mitigation measures taken to reduce adverse impacts to wildlife; and
  - An analysis of the effectiveness of mitigation measures implemented with regards to wildlife based on the results of the "Wildlife Log".
- d. Site photos before and after project conduction;

- e. *A summary of how the Proponent has complied with the NIRB terms and conditions contained within this Screening Decision, and the terms and conditions associated with all authorizations for the project.*

Upon review of DCC's 2022 Annual Report for the "Northern Watch Technology Demonstration Project" submission, the following deficiencies have been identified:

- No mention of local hires and initiatives; **please indicate if there have been any local hires and initiatives during 2023.**
- No further information on wildlife monitoring (i.e., timing of critical life history events observed, all potential impacts to wildlife from project activities, all actions/mitigation measures taken to reduce adverse impacts to wildlife, and an analysis of the effectiveness of mitigation measures); **please provide this information.**
- No site photos for the reporting year; **please provide site photos for 2023.**

This information was not included in the 2023 Annual Report as required by Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Condition 1 of the NIRB's June 19, 2008, Screening Decision Report. Please provide the information listed above no later than **December 21, 2023**, to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or through the online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/123875](http://www.nirb.ca/project/123875).

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or [motokiak@nirb.ca](mailto:motokiak@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



Mia Otokiak  
Technical Advisor I  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Richard Dwyer, Nunavut Water Board  
Conor Goddard, Qikiqtani Inuit Association  
Joel Fortier, Qikiqtani Inuit Association  
Jared Ottenhof, Qikiqtani Inuit Association  
Tracey McCaie, Crown – Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada  
Alasdair Beattie, Fisheries and Oceans Canada