



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 24YN009

Project Name: The “Hantzsch Island Thick-Billed Murre Surveys” project
Proponent Name: Canadian Wildlife Service’s (CWS)
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125888
Comment Deadline: **March 28, 2024**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Hantzsch Island Thick-Billed Murre Surveys” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 270 kilometres (km) from Iqaluit. The Proponent intends to conduct research on Thick-billed murre colonies using camera and a drone for research purposes. The project will take place in July/August in 2024 and 2025 over 1-3 days. The program is proposed to take place from July 2024 to August 8, 2025. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of boat to transport personnel and equipment to project location;
- Use of camera to record thick-billed murre and other breeding seabirds on the island;
- Use of a drone to record thick-billed murre and other breeding seabirds on the island;
- Use of 200 liters of gasoline for the boat;

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **24YN009** 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 Francis Emingak, Technical Advisor I toll-free at (867) 983-4616 or femingak@nirb.ca.