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Sent VIA Email: info@nirb.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Canadian Wildlife Service’s “Hantzsch Island Thick-Billed Murre Surveys” project proposal


Dear Francis Emingak,

The Government of Nunavut (GN) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the Canadian Wildlife Service's "Hantzsch Island Thick-Billed Murre Surveys" project proposal, NIRB File 24YN009.

The GN has reviewed the proposed project and related documents and has provided one comment, which is appended to this letter.

The GN appreciates participating in the screening of this project through the NIRB process. Should there be any concerns or need for follow-up, please do not hesitate to contact me at jbuller@gov.nu.ca.

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GN-01: Socio-Economic Impact	
Department	Economic Development & Transportation
Organization	Government of Nunavut
Subject/Topic	Social impact
References	NIRB notice of Screening for Canadian Wildlife Service's "Hantzsch Island Thick-Billed Murre Surveys" project proposal NIRB File No: 24YN009.
SUMMARY OF PROPONENT'S CONCLUSIONS	
<p>"The Proponent intends to conduct research on Thick-billed murre colonies using camera and an aerial drone for research purposes. The project will take place in July/August in 2024 and 2025 over 1-3 days".</p>	
REVIEWER'S COMMENTS AND SUPPORTING RATIONALE	
<p>The GN doesn't foresee any adverse socio-economic impacts. The GN acknowledges the use of drones and suggests that other methods, such as Inuit-led or traditional methods of observation, could supplement or augment the planned research approach.</p>	
REVIEWER'S RECOMMENDATIONS	
<p>The GN recommends that the Proponent consider incorporating traditional observation methods and employ local residents to implement traditional or scientific monitoring/observations where possible. The GN also recommends sharing the research data with local community members before the next field season.</p>	
PROPOSED TERM AND CONDITION/COMMITMENT	
N/A	