



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 24YN008

Project Name: The “Baseline Studies for Qikiqtarjuaq Marine Infrastructure” project
Proponent Name: Government of Nunavut (GN)
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125883
Comment Deadline: **April 12, 2024**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Baseline Studies for Qikiqtarjuaq Marine Infrastructure” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, within the municipal boundaries. The Proponent intends to baseline field studies and Inuit Qaujimagatugangit gathering to assess the proposed port area and quarry location for the design of the Qikiqtarjuaq deep-water port facility. Activities include geotechnical investigation, terrestrial surveys (wildlife, vegetation, topographic), marine surveys (marine fish and habitat, marine mammals, water and sediment quality, bathymetry, tides), archaeological assessment and IQ gathering. The program is proposed to take place from April to September 2024. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of a Coring/Sampling CME Drill for geotechnical coring/sampling
- Use of an underwater ROV camera for fish and fish habitat surveys;
- Use of a remotely operated boat for bathymetric surveys;
- Hazardous waste to be packed and transported south at an approved facility

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **24YN008** 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, Screening Officer toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or femingak@nirb.ca.