



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Environment and Climate
Change Canada's "OPP 2.0 Baseline Shoreline
Mapping 2024" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for the Environment and Climate Change Canada's "OPP 2.0 Baseline Shoreline Mapping 2024" Project Proposal

Dear Mia Otokiak,

On March 21, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Environment and Climate Change Canada's "OPP 2.0 Baseline Shoreline Mapping 2024" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) has reviewed the project proposal and related documents, and offers the response below as it pertains to the NIRB's request.

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CIRNAC #1: Consultation with Interest Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with the Ekaluktutiak (Cambridge Bay), Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet and Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTO) to seek their input on the proposed activities. CIRNAC also recommends that the Proponent consult with the Amaruq (Iqaluit) Hunters and Trappers Association (HTA), the Burnside (Bathurst Inlet) HTO and Omingmaktok (Bay Chimo) HTA and as well as other relevant Inuit, wildlife management, community, and government organizations. Efforts should be made to acknowledge and consider concerns that may be raised by individual community members.

As part of any consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including, but not limited to:

- Incorporation of Inuit Qauijimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent disturbance to sites with cultural, archaeological, and/or environmental significance;
- Training and employment opportunities for Inuit and community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local and Inuit-owned businesses; and



- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC #2: Mitigation Measures Designed to Prevent Any Disturbance to Wildlife

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent adhere to applicable regulatory requirements and accepted best practices to prevent, mitigate, and manage any potential disturbance to wildlife that may result from planned project activities. In particular, efforts should be made to develop an acceptable approach for the operation of helicopters so as to prevent negative impacts to wildlife from sensory (visual and sound) disturbances.

Coordination should occur with interested stakeholders, including the Government of Nunavut's Department of Environment and representatives from affected communities who have an interest in preventing the disturbance of wildlife within the project area.

CIRNAC looks forward to working with the NIRB throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Courtney White by e-mail at courtney.white@cirnac-rcaanc.gc.ca, or David Abernethy at david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.ca.

Sincerely,



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