



COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

Project Proposal Title:	Baseline Studies for Qikiqtarjuaq Marine Infrastructure		
Proponent:	Government of Nunavut		
Location:	Baffin Region		
Comments Due By:	April 12, 2024	NIRB #:	24YN008

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

<input type="checkbox"/> no concerns	<input type="checkbox"/> traditional uses of land
<input type="checkbox"/> water quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Inuit harvesting activities
<input type="checkbox"/> terrain	<input type="checkbox"/> community involvement and consultation
<input type="checkbox"/> air quality	<input type="checkbox"/> local development in the area
<input type="checkbox"/> wildlife and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> tourism in the area
<input type="checkbox"/> marine mammals and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> human health issues
<input type="checkbox"/> birds and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fish and their habitat	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> heritage resources in area	_____

Please describe the concerns indicated above:

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program helps conserve and protect existing fish, fish habitat, fisheries, and aquatic ecosystems for future generations. The proposed works for the Baseline Studies for Qikiqtarjuaq have some fish and fish habitat concerns related to marine mammals, watering taking, and sedimentation. In the next section below, DFO provides its recommendations to the proponent for the project.

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?

Based on the information that was outlined within the Baseline Studies For Qikiqtarjuaq Marine Infrastructure (NIRB File Number: 24YN008), DFO recommends the proponent to please review and implement any relevant Measures to protect fish and fish habitat (<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/measures-mesures-eng.html>), including the section titled “Ensure proper sediment control”. DFO recommends developing and implementing a sediment control plan to minimize the introduction of sediment into any waterbody during all phases of the work, undertaking, or activity. DFO also recommends the proponent to review the Interim Code of Practice for End-of-pipe fish screens (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/codes/screen-ecran-eng.html>). DFO requests the proponent to provide the water intake flow rate that will be utilized for the water withdrawal. As per Interim Code of Practice for end-of-pipe fish screens, water withdrawal for small-scale water intakes, the water intake flow rate is up to 0.150 m³ /s, or 150 liters per second (L/s).

If the project is able to comply with the conditions and measure set out in the Interim Code of Practice, a project review is not required; however, DFO recommends that a Notification Form be submitted. If the project is unable to comply with the Interim Code of Practice or the measures to Protect Fish and Fish Habitat, we recommend that the proponent submit a Request for Review (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppw/reviews-revues/forms-formes/request-demand-end.pdf>) of the project.



Do you support the project proposal? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Any additional comments?	
No additional comments	
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