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Re: Notice of Screening for the Government of Nunavut’s “Baseline Studies for Qikiqtarjuaq Marine Infrastructure” 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 Government of Nunavut's "Baseline Studies for Qikiqtarjuaq Marine Infrastructure" project proposal, NIRB File # 24YN008.

The GN has reviewed the proposed project and related documents and has provided one (1) 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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Justin Buller

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GN-01: Archeological Sites	
Department	Culture and Heritage
Organization	Government of Nunavut
Subject/Topic	Archeological Sites
References	NIRB Notice No 24YN008 <i>Nunavut Archaeological and Palaeontological Sites Regulations</i> SOR/2001-220 (2001)
CONCERNS	
<p>A search of the Nunavut Site Database indicates that there are four (4) archaeological sites located in the vicinity of the Study Area. Two are located south of the Marine Study Area; the other two are immediately across, on the facing shore of Broughton Channel. This, however, does not preclude the presence of unidentified sites or cultural features. The Government of Nunavut (GN) notes that no systematic archaeological reconnaissance has been conducted in this area.</p> <p>The proponent has been proactive and, consistent with the <i>Nunavut Archaeological and Palaeontological Sites Regulations</i> SOR/2001-220 (2001), has submitted a Class 2 permit application to the Department of Culture and Heritage (CH) to carry out an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) in advance of proposed construction activities to determine if archaeological sites are in potential conflict with the proposed options and identify any necessary avoidance or mitigation measures.</p> <p>The issuing department for the GN has no outstanding concerns with the proposed project.</p>	
RECOMMENDATIONS	
<p>During construction activities the GN recommends that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No activities be conducted in the vicinity (50 m buffer zone) of any archaeological/historical sites. - If archaeological sites or features are encountered, activities should immediately be interrupted and moved away from this location. - Each site encountered needs to be recorded and reported to the Government of Nunavut Territorial Archaeology Office. 	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	
NA	