



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 24YN014

Project Name: The “**Marine Habitat Use of Thick-billed Murres**” project
Proponent Name: Environment and Climate Change Canada
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125892
Comment Deadline: **May 6, 2024**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Marine Habitat Use of Thick-billed Murres” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 65 kilometres (km) from Pond Inlet. The Proponent intends to amend the scope of previously approved activities to include the use of a helicopter and drones as a survey method. The program is proposed to take place from July 2024 to August 2024. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of a helicopter for surveying purposes
- Use of a drone for surveying purposes
- Refueling of the helicopter at an existing fuel cache on Bylot Island

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **24YN014** 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 Mia Otokiak, Impact Assessment Officer toll-free at (867) 983-4622 or motokiak@nirb.ca.