



<b>GN: Palaeontology and Archeology</b>	
<b>Department</b>	Culture and Heritage
<b>Organization</b>	Government of Nunavut
<b>Subject/Topic</b>	Bedrock – Mapping Archaeology
<b>References</b>	NIRB Notice of Screening No 24YN018
<b>CONCERNS</b>	
<p>The Proponent plans to conduct bedrock mapping and collecting rock samples for laboratory analysis.</p> <p>The project is located within the Kivalliq region, approximately 110 kilometers (km) from Chesterfield Inlet.</p> <p>Fieldwork activities include: the collection of rocks and the establishment of a temporary camp of seven tents.</p> <p>A search of the Nunavut Archaeological Site Database indicates that there is only one archaeological site recorded within the proposed study area. This, however, does not preclude the presence of unidentified sites or cultural features as no systematic archaeological or palaeontological reconnaissance has been conducted in this area.</p> <p>The department of Culture and Heritage requires further information with regards to the nature of the rocks samples to be collected and whether these are fossiliferous in nature.</p>	
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
<p>A Class 2 Paleontological Permit may be required, and the proponent needs to contact the Department of Culture and Heritage Territorial Archeology Office.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The placement of the camp site should be visually inspected in order to avoid archaeological sites;</li> <li>(2) The research team shall exercise caution in their movements to avoid archaeological sites;</li> <li>(3) The Department of Culture and Heritage recommends that the applicant avoids conducting any sampling activities in the vicinity (50 m buffer zone) of 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 our office.</li> </ol> <p>All archaeological and palaeontological sites in Nunavut are protected by law. The applicant must understand that it is their responsibility to ensure that no heritage resource sites are disturbed during the course of their activities. No person shall alter or otherwise disturb an</p>	

archaeological site or remove any artifact from an archaeological site. Moreover, the building of inuksuit is not recommended.

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

The Department of Culture and Heritage requests that the proponent contact the Territorial Archaeology Office before further project planning occurs to determine if:

- 1) The bedrock being studied is, or is likely to be, fossiliferous, and
- 2) If a Class 2 Palaeontological or Archaeological Permit is required.