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**Re: Northern Energy Capital's "Whale Cove Mobile Wind Resource Assessment Project" proposal**

Dear Mia Otokiak,

The Government of Nunavut (GN) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide comments regarding Northern Energy Capital's "Whale Cove Mobile Wind Resource Assessment Project", NIRB File # 24YN016.

The GN has reviewed the proposed project and related documents and has one (1) comment to share with the Board, 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](mailto:jbuller@gov.nu.ca).

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GN: Archaeology	
Department	Culture and Heritage
Organization	Government of Nunavut
Subject/Topic	Whale Cove Mobile Wind Resource Assessment Project
References	NIRB Notice of Screening No 24YN016
CONCERNS	
<p>In the context of a preliminary renewable energy study, the proponent intends to install Sonic Detecting and Ranging (SODAR) equipment to assess/monitor wind conditions. The program will take place August 2024 and October 2025 within the municipality boundaries of Whale Cove.</p> <p>A search of the Nunavut Archaeological Site Database indicates that there are no recorded archaeological sites within the boundaries of the proposed study area. This, however, does not preclude the presence of unidentified sites or cultural features as to this day no systematic archaeological reconnaissance has been conducted in this specific area.</p>	
RECOMMENDATIONS	
<p>On the basis that no archaeological surveys have been conducted in the proposed study area and that archeological sites are generally present in significant numbers; the Department of Culture and Heritage recommendations are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The proponent must exercise caution in their movements in the area, specifically regarding the placement of the equipment. It is recommended that the area(s) be visually inspected prior to the installation of the equipment to avoid impacting archaeological/historical sites.</li> <li>(2) Caution should be exercised during monitoring and maintenance activities, specifically during the snow-covered period as snow might mask recorded and unrecorded archaeological sites;</li> <li>(3) The applicant should avoid conducting activities in the vicinity (50 m buffer zone) of archaeological/historical sites. If archaeological sites or features are encountered, activities should immediately be paused and moved away from this location. Each site encountered needs to be recorded and reported to our office.</li> </ol>	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	
<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 in 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.