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### Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay Field Program

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**Period of operation:**

from 2024-06-25 to 2026-12-30

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ᖃᓪᓴᓂᓂᓐ: Worley Canada Services Ltd., operating as Worley Consulting, has been retained by the Government of Nunavut – Community & Government Services (GN-CGS) to support the detailed design of Community Harbour facilities in Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay in Nunavut. To inform the detailed design phase, several field programs will be undertaken over the next few years, initiating in the 2024 open-water season. This Project Description (PD) is specific to the field programs. The intention of the field programs, will be as below:

- Conduct environmental, geoscience, geophysics, and archaeological baseline studies in each location.
- Perform a geotechnical study to confirm seabed and quarry rock conditions.
- Topographic and bathymetric surveys.
- Existing conditions or effects studies prior to construction of the Community Harbours.

Surveys will be conducted in two Study Areas: the Community Harbour and the Haul Road and Quarry. Maps depicting the Study Areas for each community are provided in Appendix A, Figure A-1 and Figure A-2 in the attached Application Letter. Field programs will largely be undertaken in open-water seasons, with the exception of the Geotechnical Drilling Program which may occur during the iced ocean condition. The initial 2024 existing conditions field program will be undertaken between July and September. Consultations on the Community Harbour facilities have been ongoing since the feasibility phase and have included six separate community visits from 2018 to 2022 to conduct meetings with the Hamlet, design workshops with the Hunters and Trappers Associations/Organizations (HTAs/HTOs), Inuit knowledge (Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit [IQ]) workshops with elders and active hunters, and community open houses. Meaningful consultation will be continued throughout the 'life cycle' of the Projects, including during the design and construction phases so that issues of concern can be identified and responded to in a timely manner and design and construction planning can be adjusted where possible to avoid and mitigate any adverse social or environmental effects. The next round of consultations is being planned for July 2024, before any field programs, and will focus on providing the communities with a Project update and general overview, confirming preferred options for the Community Harbour layouts, Quarries, and Haul Roads and discussing the field program activities including coordinating with the community for local support of workers and equipment for the field programs.

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Personnel on site: 7

Days on site: 22

Total Person days: 154

Operations Phase: from 2024-06-25 to 2026-12-30





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Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada	Land Use Permit	Not Yet Applied		
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Government of Nunavut, Department of Culture, Language, Elders, and Youth	Class 2 Permit	Not Yet Applied		
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### Project transportation types

Transportation Type	ᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ ᐸᓐᓂᐸᐅᓂᓂ	Length of Use
Air	field crews will travel to the project area by plane from Vancouver	
Land	field crews will travel by foot or local truck within the communities	

### Project accomodation types

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rov	1	NA	Subtidal fish and fish habitat assessment
Depth Sounder	1	NA	depth monitoring during subtidal fish and fish habitat, water quality and sediment quality assessments
CTD	1	NA	water quality sampling
Niskin Sampler	1	NA	1.5L niskin bottles deployed from a boat to collect water quality samples
vibrecore	1	NA	subtidal sediment collection
Ponar	1	NA	sediment collection.
SCUBA equipment	2	NA	in the event that vibrecore or ponar sampling are not successful, SCUBA diving will be undertaken by a team of two divers to collect sediment samples using hand cores
Drogue	1	NA	collection of surface current data
Track Mounted Rotary Drill	1	5 ton	geotechnical subsurface drilling at the quarry and community harbour footprint
excavator	1	NA	temporary shoreline excavation for test pits
geomatics geode	1	NA	geophysical survey
geophones	1	NA	geophysical survey
firing rod and 8 gauge shotgun shells	1	NA	geophysical survey
UAV	1	NA	topographic aerial survey
multi-beam sonar	1	NA	bathymetric survey
ATV	2	NA	transportation of personnel
pickup truck	2	NA	transportation of personnel
boat	2	NA	marine access for subtidal fish and fish habitat assessment, geophysical survey, bathymetric survey, water and sediment quality sampling, drogue deployment and recovery
front end loader	1	NA	geotechnical drilling

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Gasoline	fuel	1	200	200	Liters	mobile equipment, generators, heaters
Diesel	fuel	1	10000	10000	Liters	drill rig and excavator for Geotechnical Study
Ethanol	hazardous	1	1	1	Liters	sample preservation for water, sediment and benthic invertebrate samples
Formalin	hazardous	1	1	1	Liters	sample preservation for benthic invertebrate samples
Poly Plus	hazardous	100	9	900	Kg	drill rig
Hydraulic Oil	hazardous	18	20	360	Liters	drill rig
10/40 Oil	hazardous	32	4	128	Liters	drill rig
Gun Grease	hazardous	96	1	96	Liters	drill rig
methyl Hydrate	hazardous	40	1	40	Liters	drill rig
Transmission Fluid	hazardous	10	4	40	Liters	drill rig
80/90 gear oil	hazardous	30	4	120	Liters	drill rig
Antifreeze	hazardous	40	4	160	Liters	drill rig

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3	pumped by contractor	terrestrial boreholes will require freshwater for drilling. freshwater source will be determined in consultation with the respective communities



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Environmental impacts associated with the field programs are expected to be minimal. Potential impacts to terrestrial and marine habitat and wildlife may occur, however, all personnel will be accompanied by a local field assistant to confirm minimal disturbances. Minor disruptions to traditional land use may occur in the proposed study area, however, arrival of the research team will be advertised on local social media prior to arrival. There may be temporary sediment suspension in marine habitats due to grab sampling but the footprint of this activity is small and sediment disturbance will be minimal. Disturbance to heritage resources is possible, but unlikely. Measure to mitigate impacts are described in the Class 2 archaeological permit which was submitted to the C&H department. There will be an increase in anthropogenic presence in the Study Area but the research team is relatively small and are conducting non-invasive short term studies. Please see attached application letter Table 10-1.

# **Additional Information**

**SECTION A1: Project Info**

**SECTION A2: Allweather Road**

**SECTION A3: Winter Road**

**SECTION B1: Project Info**

**SECTION B2: Exploration Activity**

**SECTION B3: Geosciences**

**SECTION B4: Drilling**

**SECTION B5: Stripping**

**SECTION B6: Underground Activity**

**SECTION B7: Waste Rock**

**SECTION B8: Stockpiles**

**SECTION B9: Mine Development**

**SECTION B10: Geology**

**SECTION B11: Mine**

**SECTION B12: Mill**

**SECTION C1: Pits**

**SECTION D1: Facility**

N/A

**SECTION D2: Facility Construction**

N/A

**SECTION D3: Facility Operation**

N/A

**SECTION D4: Vessel Use**

**SECTION E1: Offshore Survey**

**SECTION E2: Nearshore Survey**

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## **Cumulative Effects**

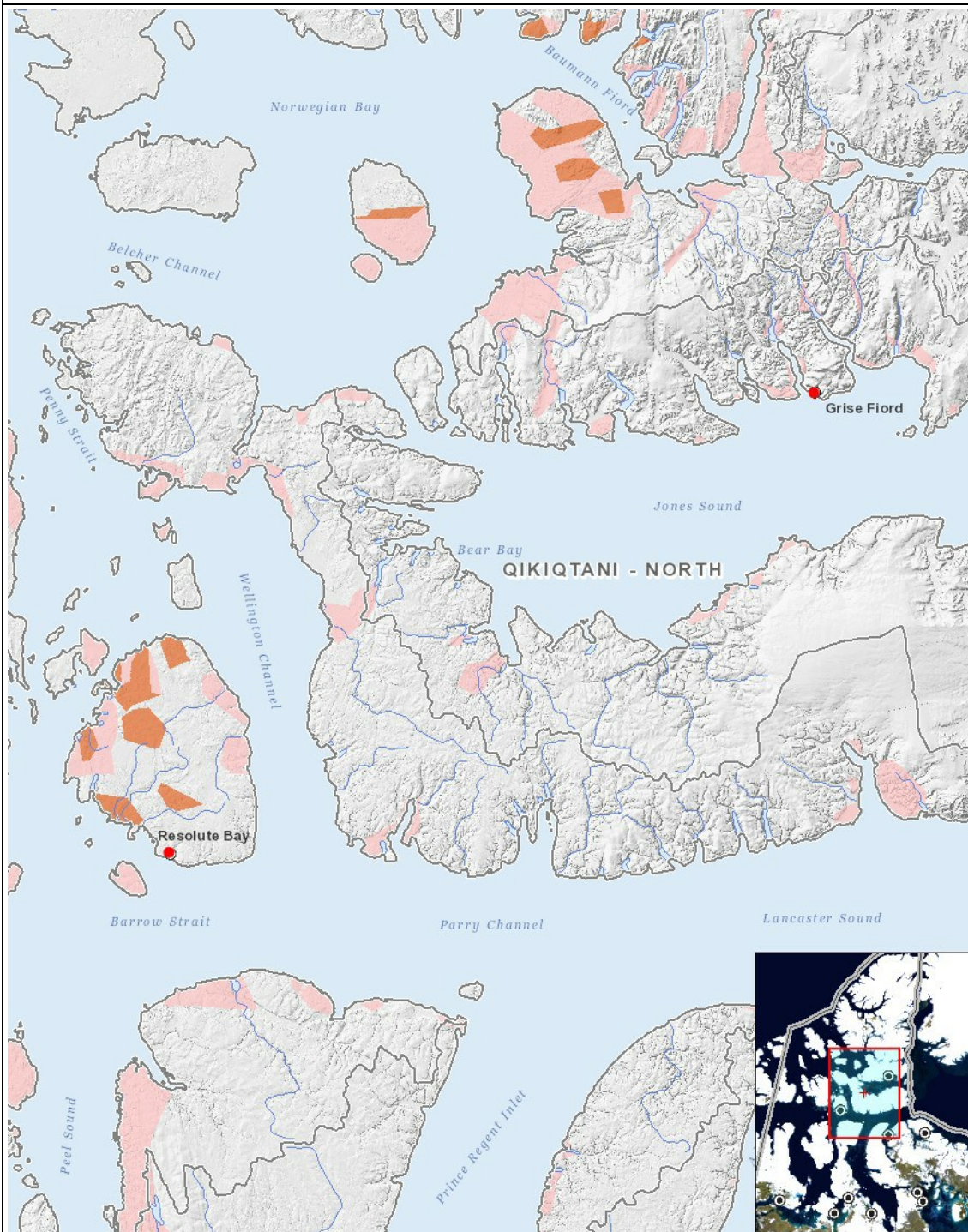
Limited cumulative effects are anticipated, as most project components have mitigation measures in place that will limit impacts.

## Impacts

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	P H Y S I C A L	Designated environmental areas	Ground stability	Permafrost	Hydrology / Limnology	Water quality	Climate conditions	Eskers and other unique or fragile landscapes	Surface and bedrock geology	Sediment and soil quality	Tidal processes and bathymetry	Air quality	Noise levels	B I O L O G I C A L	Vegetation	Wildlife, including habitat and migration patterns	Birds, including habitat and migration patterns	Aquatic species, incl. habitat and migration/spawning	Wildlife protected areas	S O C I O - E C O N O M I C	Archaeological and cultural historic sites	Employment	Community wellness	Community infrastructure	Human health
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### List of Project Geometries

- 1 point General location for Grise Fiord, located on the southern shore of Ellesmere Island in Jones Sound.
- 2 point General location for Resolute Bay, located on the south shore of Conwallis Island in Parry Channel.