



NOTICE OF SCREENING

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 25YN045

Project Name: The “Arctic Coast - Nunavut Community-based Monitoring” project
Proponent Name: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
Project Type: Research Region: Kivalliq, Qikiqtani
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca 126186
Comment Deadline: **June 16, 2025**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Arctic Coast - Nunavut Community-based Monitoring” project is located within the Kivalliq, Qikiqtani Regions - Chesterfield Inlet, Rankin Inlet, Kinngait, Iqaluit, Qikiqtarjuaq. The Proponent intends to conduct a community-monitoring program, led by DFO that is co-developed with local hunters and trappers boards to gather baseline data on coastal fishes and their habitats. The program is proposed to take place from July 2025 to March 2026. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of boats and snowmobiles, approximately 100 liters of gasoline to be sourced from communities
- Collection of 30 fish per species
- Any waste generated would be properly disposed of in approved facilities
- Use of a cabin near Cormack Bay for overnighting if the opportunity permits.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **25YN045** 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 Francis Emingak, Screening Officer at femingak@nirb.ca.