



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 25UN049

Project Name: The “Kivalliq-Baffin Connector Marine Survey” project
Proponent Name: Government of Nunavut
Project Type: Other Region: Kivalliq and Qikiqtani
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca 126195
Comment Deadline: **July 9, 2025**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Kivalliq-Baffin Connector Marine Survey” project is located within the Kivalliq and Qikiqtani regions, covering communities of Iqaluit, Kimmirut, Kinngait and Salliq (Coral Harbour). The Proponent intends to conduct a marine survey along the proposed Kivalliq-Baffin Connector Fibre Optic Cable route, linking the communities of Iqaluit, Kimmirut, Kinngait and Salliq to high-speed internet. The program is proposed to take place from July 2025 to October 2026, during the open-water season for about 35 to 45 days. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- A marine survey along the proposed 1,050 kilometres (km) cable route with the survey corridor ranging between 500 metres (m) to 900 m from the centreline of the marine cable.
- Use of a 50 m marine vessel to transport up to 28 personnel to conduct the marine survey
- Use of local accommodations and facilities in Iqaluit

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **25UN049** 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 Varun Nayak, Monitoring Officer toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or vnayak@nirb.ca.