



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 25YN028

Project Name: The “Iqaluit Coastal Baseline Study 2025” project
Proponent Name: Christopher Lewis
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca 126190
Comment Deadline: **July 9, 2025**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Iqaluit Coastal Baseline Study 2025” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 10 kilometres (km) from Iqaluit. The Proponent intends to gather comprehensive temporal and spatial sampling data on the biodiversity of sea-ice algae, phytoplankton, and zooplankton, as well as benthic invertebrates and amphipods. The program is proposed to take place from April to November 2025. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of 4 snowmobiles for sea ice travel
- Use of boats for water transportation
- Sea ice samples to be collected using an ice corer
- Amphipods collection using hand nets and/or traps
- Benthic invertebrate samples collected by using a grab sampler and by hand

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **25YN028** 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 Amir Pourmahabadian, Senior Impact Assessment Officer toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or apourmahabadian@nirb.ca.