



NOTICE OF SCREENING

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 25YN052

Project Name: The “Qikiqtarjuaq Coastal Baseline Study – Open Water Work 2025” project
Proponent Name: Fisheries and Ocean’s Canada
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtarjuaq
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application: 126197
Comment Deadline: **July 24th, 2025**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Qikiqtarjuaq Coastal Baseline Study – Open Water Work 2025” project is located within the Qikiqtarjuaq region, approximately 20 kilometres (km) from Qikiqtarjuaq. The Proponent intends to conduct research program that collects coastal marine baseline data, such as benthic and pelagic habitat use by biota (e.g. plankton, fish and invertebrates) near Qikiqtarjuaq during the open water season. Sampling stations were determined in consultation with the Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Association; 45 stations are planned for research sites within a 25-kilometre radius of Qikiqtarjuaq. The program is proposed to take place from September 7th, 2025 to September 21st, 2025. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of a boat owned by local outfitter to transport personnel and equipment;
- Use of gasoline 25 gallons for boat transportation; and
- Use of local accommodations
- Use of scientific equipment to collect data

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **25YN052** 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 toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or femingak@nirb.ca.