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Re: NIRB File No. 25YN046: KitlA comments regarding the Université Laval - Institute of Integrative Biology and System's "FISHES: Fostering Indigenous Small-scale fisheries for Health, Economy, and food Security" Project Proposal

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Dear Ms. Evalik,

The Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide comments on the Université Laval - Institute of Integrative Biology and System's "FISHES: Fostering Indigenous Small-scale fisheries for Health, Economy, and food Security" Project proposal. Please see the following comments from KitIA on the proposal at this time.

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- **Respectful Community Engagement and Communication:**  
KitlA expects proponents to engage early and maintain regular communication with local Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs) and Hamlet Councils, especially around project timing, sampling locations, and local participation opportunities.
- **Inclusion of Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit (IQ)**  
KIA supports efforts to incorporate Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit (IQ) into research planning and data interpretation. This may include use of Inuinnaqtun place names, observations of wildlife and land conditions from Elders and harvesters, and consideration of community priorities when adjusting study design.
- **Local Benefits and Participation:**  
KitlA encourages the proponent to provide short-term opportunities for community members to assist with fieldwork, logistics, or translation where feasible. Youth engagement (e.g., including local students in sampling or lab discussions) is also encouraged, even informally.
- **Minimal Environmental Impact**



- **Knowledge Sharing and Accessibility**

Regards,

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