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Re: NIRB File No. 25YN088: KitIA comments regarding “Coastal Dynamics in Kugluktuk and Grise Fiord (Aujuittuq) Nunavut” Project Proposal.

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Dear Mr. Ehaloak,

Cambridge Bay  
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The Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide comments on Polar Knowledge Canada’s “Coastal Dynamics in Kugluktuk and Grise Fiord, Nunavut” Project Proposal. Please see the following comments from KitIA on the proposal at this time.

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The Project research activities include field-based research focused on coastal monitoring and permafrost monitoring. Field work within the Kitikmeot Region (specifically in Kugluktuk area) will take place during the months of June-July and September-October 2026.

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Research activities for Coastal Monitoring include drone surveys, time lapse photography, surface elevation measurements, instrument deployments for oceanic monitoring, and mapping of the nearshore seabed.

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Research Activities for Permafrost Monitoring include ground samples, non-invasive geographical surveys, and satellite imagery for ongoing monitoring.

Based on the overall project KitIA proposes the following:

**Timing and Wildlife Sensitivities**

- KitIA acknowledges the project’s proposed activities regarding focused work on erosion, flooding, permafrost and ocean conditions. The Proponent is encouraged to remain mindful of local wildlife sensitivity periods, including caribou migrating and calving during the months of May and August. Caribou are an important and



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staple source of food for community members of Kugluktuk, and all caribou mitigation measures should be carefully implemented during this sensitive time.

- Wildlife should be closely monitored to ensure safety for all those within the area for the duration of the proposed project. A bear monitor is highly recommended to have during all phases of the proposed project.

### **Operations and Camp**

- All waste, fuel containers, and temporary infrastructure should be removed from the site at the end of operations to limit impacts to the land. KitIA encourages the “leave-no-trace” principles and recommends that all food, waste, and other potential wildlife attractants be securely stored in sealed, animal-resistant containers to minimize the risk of wildlife interactions. All storage, transportation, and handling of any fuel (jet fuel, diesel, gas, or other) should be completed with proper care, including storage in secondary containment.

### **Coordination with Local Organizations**

- KitIA expects the Proponent to engage with the local HTO’s and community members. Once the Project is complete, KitIA encourages continued communication with the Kugluktuk’s local Hunter and Trappers Organization (Angoniatit HTO) to share plans and gather local insight—especially regarding land use, wildlife observations, or sensitive cultural areas of importance.

### **Inuit Employment and Capacity Building**

- KitIA encourages the Proponent to hire local Inuit Beneficiaries to help support the project. Inuit hold important knowledge of the area, animals and environment that can help support both the project design and implementation.

If you have any question regarding the attached submission, please contact the undersigned directly at [jamagoalik@kitia.ca](mailto:jamagoalik@kitia.ca)

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamagoalik'.

