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Sent via email: [philipbruecker@gmail.com](mailto:philipbruecker@gmail.com)

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Tokyo Sea Life Park’s “2025 Tokyo Sea Life Park Public Display Specimen Collection Cambridge Bay, NU” project proposal**

Dear Philip Bruecker:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has commenced screening<sup>1</sup> the project proposal.

**By copy of this letter, NIRB invites regulators, interested parties, and community members or groups potentially affected by the proposal to view the application and comment directly to the NIRB by June 1, 2026.**

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal

**The application can be viewed on NIRB’s online registry ([link](#)) where a comment form is available, or comments can be also submitted to [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or by fax.**

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*)

## *Scope of proposal*

<b>Location</b>	Kitikmeot region, within marine waters near the community of Cambridge Bay.
<b>Objective</b>	The Proponent intends to collect small marine creatures for public display at Tokyo Sea Life Park in Japan.
<b>Timeline</b>	August 12, 2026, to September 22, 2026. One field season of sample collection.

The scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

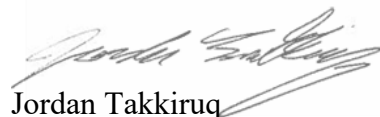
- Use of SCUBA equipment to collect small marine fish and invertebrate species within marine waters to a depth of up to 30 m.
  - Requested use of a rented boat to support SCUBA activities.
- Collection of up to 22 marine species, including invertebrates and fish
  - Collection of approximately 135 live specimens, with approximately 5 to 10 of each species
- Store collected species in large self-contained camping coolers, with ice and battery-operated air pumps. Water quality maintained via frequent water changes and use of water quality test kits.
- Use of one truck for transportation activities; and
- Use and transport of approximately 100 L of gasoline for transportation purposes.

### *Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List*

The NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal; as a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

Questions about the NIRB's work should be directed to the undersigned at 1-866-233-3033 Ext. 565 or [jtakkirug@nirb.ca](mailto:jtakkirug@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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