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Vincent Marmillot
Parks Canada
Iqaluit, NU

Sent via email: vincent.marmillot@pc.gc.ca

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Parks Canada’s “Tallurutiup Imanga NMCA Research and Monitoring Pilot Project” project proposal

Dear Vincent Marmillot:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has commenced screening¹ 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 24, 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 (www.nirb.ca/project/126451) where a comment form is available, or comments can be also submitted to info@nirb.ca, or by fax.

¹ 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

Location	Qikiqtani region, within marine waters around Bylot Island, Eclipse Sound, Navy Board Inlet, and Milne Inlet, around the community of Pond Inlet
Objective	The Proponent intends to measure seawater properties, and monitor sea-ice conditions, marine mammals, and a seabird colony to support the establishment of a long-term monitoring program in the Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area.
Timeline	August 15, 2026, to August 30, 2026

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

- Use of a small boat (7m) carrying up to 8 personnel for day trips to reach sampling sites:
 - Deploy sensors to measure seawater properties at various depths
 - Use a drone to monitor sea-ice conditions, marine mammals, and a seabird colony
 - Equipment will be retrieved immediately after measurements are completed
- Use of gasoline for the boat.
- All waste will be brought back to Pond Inlet for disposal.

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 jtakkiruc@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Impact Assessment Officer
Nunavut Impact Review Board

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