



**SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE No.: 25YN059**

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Following the Nunavut Impact Review Board’s (NIRB or Board) assessment of all materials provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of Tokyo Sea Life Park’s “2025 Tokyo Sea Life Park Public Display Specimen Collection Cambridge Bay, NU” is not required pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.4.4(a) of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA)*.

Subject to the Proponent’s compliance with the terms and conditions as set out in below, issued in accordance with s. 92(2)(a) of *NuPPAA*, the NIRB is of the view that the project proposal is not likely to cause significant public concerns, and it is unlikely to result in significant adverse environmental and social impacts. The NIRB therefore recommends that the responsible Minister accepts this Screening Decision Report.

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REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The primary objectives of the NIRB are set out in Article 12, Section 12.2.5 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and are confirmed by s. 23 of the *NuPPAA*. The purpose of screening is provided for under Article 12, Section 12.4.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 88 of the *NuPPAA*.

As set out under Article 12, Section 12.4.4 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 92(1) of the *NuPPAA*, upon conclusion of the screening process, the Board must provide its written report the Minister indicating one of three options:

- (a) a review of the project is not required;
- (b) a review of the project is required; or
- (c) the project should be modified or abandoned.

PROJECT OVERVIEW & THE NIRB ASSESSMENT PROCESS

On July 11, 2025, the NIRB received a referral to screen Tokyo Sea Life Park’s “2025 Tokyo Sea Life Park Public Display Specimen Collection Cambridge Bay, NU” project proposal (NIRB File No: 25YN059) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable land use plan. All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB’s Public Registry by using any of the following search criteria or www.nirb.ca/project/126214.

- Project Name: 2025 Tokyo Sea Life Park Public Display Specimen Collection Cambridge Bay, NU
- NIRB File No.: 25YN059
- NIRB Application No.: 126214

Table 1: NIRB’s Assessment Process

Date	Stage
July 11, 2025	Receipt of project proposal and referral from the Commission
July 14, 2025	Pursuant to s. 144(1) of the <i>NuPPAA</i> the NIRB requested the Proponent complete an online application to address information required for Screening
August 18, 2025	Receipt of online application from Proponent
August 26, 2025	Request(s) to Proponent for additional information in order to carry out screening pursuant to s. s. 144(1) of the <i>NuPPAA</i>
April 24, 2026	Proponent responded to information request(s) and provided additional information
April 29, 2026	Scoping pursuant to s. 86(1) of the <i>NuPPAA</i>
May 11, 2026	Public engagement and comment request was issued in English with translations provided once available
June 1, 2026	Receipt of public comments
June 2, 2026	Proponent responded to comments/concerns raised by public
June 12, 2026	Issuance of Screening Decision Report

1. Project Scope

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

As required under s. 86(1) of the *NuPPAA*, the Board accepted the scope of the project as set out by Tokyo Sea Life Park in the proposal. The scope of the project proposal 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.

2. Inclusion or Exclusion to 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.

3. Public Comments and Concerns

As outlined in Table 1 above, notices regarding the NIRB's screening of this project proposal were distributed to community organizations as well as to relevant federal and territorial government agencies, Inuit organizations and other parties with a request for interested parties to provide the Board with any comments or concerns 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.

On or before June 1, 2026, the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

Table 2: Comments Received

Commenting Party	NIRB Doc ID No.
Government of Nunavut (GN)	361616
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)	361604
Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)	361599
Transport Canada (TC)	361451

a. Summary of Comments and Concerns Received

The following provides a summary of the comments and concerns received by the NIRB in relation to the 2025 Tokyo Sea Life Park Public Display Specimen Collection Cambridge Bay, NU project proposal:

GN

- Has reviewed the project and related documents and has no comments to raise at this time.

CIRNAC

Recommends that the Proponent consider:

- Providing detailed shoreline fuel handling procedures, including secondary containment methods.
- Confirming the availability of a dedicated spill response kit and protective equipment at all active dive and fuel transfer locations and demonstrating secondary containment systems are scaled to at least 110% of the capacity of the largest single container.
- Quantifying the estimated number of dry-cell batteries to be used and discarded, describing safe on-site storage practices to protect waste batteries from weather, moisture, and physical damage. Confirming that all spent batteries will be segregated and backhauled to an approved southern hazardous waste recycling facility.
- Continue engaging with the Hamlet of Cambridge Bay, the Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization, and any other relevant organizations and individuals regarding the project

DFO

- Has reviewed the documents in accordance with DFO’s mandate and has no comments or recommendations at this time

TC

- Has reviewed the project and noted that the project components and activities do not require comments from TC.

4. b. Comments and Concerns with respect to Inuit Qaujimaningit, Indigenous and Community Knowledge

No concerns or comments were received with respect to Inuit Qaujimaningit or Indigenous and Community knowledge in relation to the proposed project. However, Inuit Qaujimaningit and Indigenous and community knowledge is incorporated into the terms and conditions recommended

below based on information collected from prior and similar projects, data collected and mapped by the Commission, and other available sources.

5. Proponent’s Response to Public Comments and Concerns

Due to the comments, and questions received from parties, the NIRB provided an opportunity for the Proponent to respond. The following is a summary of the Proponent’s response to concerns:

Response to GN, DFO, and TC

- Acknowledges the receipt of comments and notes no action required.

Response to CIRNAC

- The 100-litre gas tank refers to the gas for the rental truck; no fuel transfer will be transferred except at the tank farm gas station
- There would be 12 D cell rechargeable batteries. At the end of the stay they would be given to the Canadian High Arctic Research Station for continued use and ultimate disposal.
- The Proponent indicated that community engagement will continue through coordination with the Ekaluktutiak HTO social media. As well as work with the EHTO regarding other community engagement opportunities. Intend to hire EHTO guiding for boat dives.

ASSESSMENT OF THE PROJECT PROPOSAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 3 OF *NUPPAA*

In determining whether a review of the project is required, the Board considered whether the project proposal had potential to result in significant ecosystemic or socio-economic impacts. Table 3. The Board took particular care to consider Inuit Qaujimaningit, Indigenous and Community Knowledge in carrying out its assessment and determination of the significance of impacts.

Table 3: Summary of the Board’s Assessment of Factors s. 90 *NuPPAA*

Factor	Comment
The size of the geographic area, including the size of wildlife habitats, likely to be affected by the impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The physical footprint of the proposed project components is limited to the sampling site located within the marine waters of the Cambridge Bay Municipal boundary. ▪ The proposed project would take place within the marine habitat of a range of marine and anadromous wildlife species such as invertebrates, fish, and seals. ▪ Given the small scale, temporary nature, and limited geographic extent of the proposed activities, any potential impacts are expected to be localized.
The ecosystemic sensitivity of that area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No specific areas of ecosystemic sensitivity have been identified by the Proponent within the physical footprint of the proposed project. ▪ Based on the information provided, the proposed activities are not expected to result in significant

Factor	Comment
	impacts to ecosystem function or ecological integrity within the project area.
The historical, cultural and archaeological significance of that area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No specific areas of historical, cultural and archaeological significance have been identified by the Proponent within the physical footprint of the proposed project.
The size of the human and the animal populations likely to be affected by the impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The proposed project is unlikely to result in impacts to local human and animal populations. ▪ The NIRB acknowledges that the proposed project plans to collect fish and invertebrates and bring them outside of the Nunavut Settlement Area, however, the number of specimens collected is limited and is not expected to affect local population abundance.
The nature, magnitude and complexity of the impacts; the probability of the impacts occurring; the frequency and duration of the impacts; and the reversibility or irreversibility of the impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A zone of influence of up to 1 km from the most potentially-disruptive project activities was selected for the NIRB's assessment. ▪ With adherence to the relevant regulatory requirements and application of the mitigation measures recommended by the NIRB, no significant residual effects are expected to occur.
The cumulative impacts that could result from the impacts of the project combined with those of any other project that has been carried out, is being carried out or is likely to be carried out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The NIRB has not identified any past, present, and reasonably foreseeable projects at this time; however, the Board has recommended terms and conditions along with mitigation measures designed with consideration for the potential for cumulative effects in the Board Views section.
Any other factor that the Board considers relevant to the assessment of the significance of impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No other relevant factors were identified; however, see below for Regulatory Requirements mandating mitigation and/or reporting.

Regulatory Requirements

The Proponent is also advised that the following legislation may apply to the Project:

Acts and Regulations

1. The *Fisheries Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/F-14/index.html>).
2. The *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/n-28.8/>).
3. The *Species at Risk Act* (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/s-15.3/>). Attached in **Appendix A** is a list of Species at Risk in Nunavut.
4. The *Wildlife Act (Nunavut)* and its corresponding regulations (<http://www.canlii.org/en/nu/laws/stat/snu-2003-c-26/latest/snu-2003-c-26.html>).

5. The *Nunavut Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/N-28.6/>).
6. The *Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-12/>) and the *Arctic Shipping Safety and Pollution Prevention Regulations* (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2017-286/index.html>).
7. The *Marine Liability Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/M-0.7/>).

Other Applicable Guidelines

8. The *Guidance Document for Passenger Vessels Operating in the Canadian Arctic* (<https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/tp-tp13670-menu-2315.htm>).

VIEWS OF THE BOARD

In considering the above factors, the Board has identified the following and respectfully provides its views regarding whether or not the proposed project has the potential to result in significant impacts. The NIRB has also proposed terms and conditions that would mitigate the potential adverse impacts identified.

Ecosystem, wildlife habitat and Inuit harvesting activities:

Valued Component	Ecosystem and Wildlife Habitat
Potential effects:	Potential adverse effects to surrounding terrestrial wildlife, migratory and non-migratory birds, and their habitat from noise and visual disturbance generated from the presence of personnel and equipment at the study site.
Nature of Impacts:	Impacts are expected to be low in magnitude, as disturbances are localized to the project footprint and limited to the duration of active operations. The duration of impacts is short-term. Effects are considered reversible, with wildlife expected to reoccupy the area following the completion of activities.
Mitigating Factors:	Standard mitigation measures, including minimizing disturbance, proper waste management, and adherence to wildlife protection protocols, are expected to reduce potential impacts.
Proposed Terms and Conditions:	Waste Management – 6 Wildlife – General – 7 and 8 Migratory Birds and Raptors Disturbance – 9 and 10 Land Use and Restoration of Disturbed Areas – 11 and 12

Valued Component	Marine Environment
Potential effects:	Potential adverse effects to marine mammals, fish, and the benthic environment from noise and visual disturbance generated from the presence of personnel and equipment at the study site.
Nature of Impacts:	Impacts are expected to be low in magnitude, as disturbances are localized to the project footprint and limited to the duration of active operations. The duration of impacts is short-term. Effects are considered

	reversible, with wildlife expected to reoccupy the area following the completion of activities.
Mitigating Factors:	Standard mitigation measures, including minimizing disturbance, proper waste management, and adherence to wildlife protection protocols, are expected to reduce potential impacts.
Proposed Terms and Conditions:	Marine-Based Activities – 13 and 14

Valued Component	Public and Traditional Land Use
Potential effects:	No specific concerns or impacts to public and traditional land use activities in the area have been identified.
Nature of Impacts:	Impacts are expected to be low in magnitude, as activities are temporary and localized. The duration is short-term, limited to the active project period.
Mitigating Factors:	Project planning and communication with local organizations and community members, minimizing disturbance, and avoiding conflicts with wildlife harvesting and traditional land use activities where possible are expected to reduce potential impacts. However, The Board is recommending terms and conditions to ensure project activities are informed by available Inuit Qaujimaningit and that project activities do not interfere with Inuit wildlife harvesting or traditional land use activities.
Proposed Terms and Conditions:	Other – 15 and 16

Socio-economic effects on northerners:

Valued Component	Local Hiring
Potential effects:	Limited positive effects may occur through short-term opportunities for community participation, and potential for local hiring during field activities.
Nature of Impacts:	Potential impacts are expected to be minor, localized, and short-term, given the small scale of the project and limited personnel requirements.
Mitigating Factors:	The Proponent has indicated that local goods and services may be utilized, including accommodations, supplies, a rental vehicle, and potentially local boat charter and guiding services.
Proposed Terms and Conditions:	Other – 17

Technological innovations for which the effects are unknown:

- No specific issues have been identified associated with this project proposal.

Administrative Conditions:

To encourage compliance with applicable regulatory requirements and assist the Board and responsible authorities with compliance and effects monitoring for project activities, the following project-specific terms and conditions have been recommended: 1-5.

In considering the above factors and subject to the Proponent's compliance with regulatory requirements and the terms and conditions necessary to mitigate against the potential adverse environmental and social effects, the Board is of the view that the proposed project is unlikely to cause significant public concern and its adverse ecosystemic and socioeconomic impacts are unlikely to be significant, or are highly predictable and can be adequately mitigated by known technologies.

RECOMMENDED PROJECT-SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Board is recommending the following specific terms and conditions to apply in respect of the project:

General

1. Tokyo Sea Life Park (the Proponent) shall maintain a copy of the Project Terms and Conditions at the site of operation at all times and make it accessible to enforcement officers upon request.
2. The Proponent shall operate in accordance with all commitments stated in correspondence provided to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC File No.: 150811) and the NIRB (Online Application Form, April 24, 2026). This information should be accessible to enforcement officers upon request.
3. The Proponent shall operate the site in accordance with all applicable Acts, Regulations and Guidelines.
4. The Proponent shall ensure that it meets the standards and/or limits as set out in the authorizing agencies' permits or licences as required for this project.
5. The Proponent shall ensure that all personnel, staff and contractors are adequately trained prior to commencement of all project activities, and shall be made aware of all operational plans, management plans, guidelines and Proponent commitments relating to the project.

Waste Management

6. The Proponent shall manage all hazardous and non-hazardous waste including food, domestic wastes, debris and petroleum-based chemicals (e.g., greases, gasoline, glycol-based antifreeze) in such a manner to avoid release into the environment and access to wildlife at all times until disposed of appropriately or at an approved facility.

Wildlife – General

7. The Proponent shall not substantially alter or damage or destroy any wildlife habitat in conducting this operation unless otherwise authorized by the appropriate authorizing agencies.

8. The Proponent shall not hunt or fish, unless proper Nunavut authorizations have been acquired.

Migratory Birds and Raptors Disturbance

9. The Proponent shall carry out all phases of the project in a manner that protects migratory birds and avoids harming, killing or disturbing migratory birds or destroying, disturbing or taking their nests or eggs. In this regard, the Proponent shall take into account Environment and Climate Change Canada's *Avoidance Guidelines*. The Proponent's actions in applying the *Avoidance Guidelines* shall be in compliance with the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994* and with the *Species at Risk Act*.
10. The Proponent shall not pursue seabirds or waterbirds swimming on the water surface and shall avoid concentrations of these birds if encountered on the water.

Land Use and Restoration of Disturbed Areas

11. The Proponent shall ensure that the land use area is kept clean and tidy at all times.
12. The Proponent shall remove all garbage, fuel and equipment at the end of each field season and/or upon completion of work and/or upon abandonment.

Marine-Based Activities

13. The Proponent shall suspend all project activities should any dead fish or wildlife (both marine and terrestrial), or any injured wildlife be observed during any works or activities in and around the marine waters. Activities may only be resumed on the recommendation of the authorizing agencies.
14. The Proponent shall report all incidents, injuries or sightings of marine mammals to the appropriate authorizing agencies.

Other

15. The Proponent should engage with local residents regarding planned activities in the area and should solicit available Inuit Qaujimaningit and information regarding current recreational and traditional usage of the project area which may inform project activities. Posting of translated public notices and direct engagement with potentially interested groups and individuals prior to undertaking project activities is strongly encouraged. While on public display, Inuit Qaujimaningit should be included as supporting context for the information of the viewers. The Proponent should consult with relevant organizations or local knowledge holders where the specimens are collected so that accurate Inuit Qaujimaningit of the fish or invertebrates is collected (e.g. Inuktut names, traditional uses, local knowledge, etc.).
16. The Proponent shall ensure that project activities do not interfere with Inuit wildlife harvesting or traditional land use activities.
17. The Proponent should, to the extent possible, hire local people and access local services where possible.

OTHER NIRB CONCERNS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In addition to the project-specific terms and conditions, the Board is recommending the following:

Change in Project Scope

1. Responsible authorities or Proponent shall notify the Nunavut Planning Commission and/or Parks Canada as appropriate, and the NIRB of any changes in operating plans or conditions, including phase advancement, associated with this project prior to any such change.

Copy of licences, etc. to the Board and Commission

2. The NIRB respectfully requests that responsible authorities submit a copy of each licence, permit or other authorization issued for the Project to the NIRB to assist in enabling possible project monitoring that may be required. Please forward a copy of the licences, permits and/or other authorizations to the NIRB directly at info@nirb.ca or upload a copy to the NIRB's online registry at www.nirb.ca.

Use of Inuit Qaujimaningit

3. The Proponent is encouraged to work with local communities and knowledge holders to inform project design, to carry out the project, and to confirm or validate the perspectives represented in publications, and reports as part of the project. Care should be taken to ensure that Inuit Qaujimaningit and local knowledge collected for the project is used with permission and is accurately represented.

Species at Risk

4. The Proponent review Environment and Climate Change Canada's "Environment Assessment Best Practice Guide for Wildlife at Risk in Canada", available at the following link: http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/virtual_sara/files/policies/EA%20Best%20Practices%202004.pdf. The guide provides information to the Proponent on what is required when Wildlife at Risk, including *Species at Risk*, are encountered or affected by the project.

Migratory Birds

5. The Proponent review Canadian Wildlife Services' "Key migratory bird terrestrial habitat sites in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut", available at the following link: <http://publications.gc.ca/site/eng/317630/publication.html> and "Key marine habitat sites for migratory birds in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories", available at the following link: <http://publications.gc.ca/site/eng/392824/publication.html>. The guide provides information to the Proponent on key terrestrial and marine habitat areas that are essential to the welfare of various migratory bird species in Canada.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing constitutes the Board's screening decision with respect to the Tokyo Sea Life Park's "2025 Tokyo Sea Life Park Public Display Specimen Collection Cambridge Bay, NU". The NIRB remains available for consultation with the Minister regarding this report as necessary.

Dated June 12, 2026 at Iqaluit, NU.



Albert Ehloak, Chairperson

Attachments: Appendix A: Species at Risk in Nunavut

APPENDIX A: SPECIES AT RISK IN NUNAVUT

Due to the requirements of Section 79(2) of the *Species at Risk Act*, S.C. 2002, c. 29 (*SARA*), and the potential for project-specific adverse effects on listed wildlife species and its critical habitat, measures should be taken as appropriate to avoid or lessen those effects, and the effects need to be monitored. Project effects could include species disturbance, attraction to operations and destruction of habitat. This section applies to all species listed on Schedule 1 of *SARA*, as listed in the table below, or have been assessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), which may be encountered in the project area. This list may not include all species identified as at risk by the Territorial Government. The following points provide clarification on the applicability of the species outlined in the table.

- Schedule 1 is the official legal list of Species at Risk for *SARA*. *SARA* applies to all species on Schedule 1. The term “listed” species refers to species on Schedule 1.
- Schedule 2 and 3 of *SARA* identify species that were designated at risk by the COSEWIC prior to October 1999 and must be reassessed using revised criteria before they can be considered for addition to Schedule 1.
- Some species identified at risk by COSEWIC are “pending” addition to Schedule 1 of *SARA*. These species are under consideration for addition to Schedule 1, subject to further consultation or assessment.

If species at risk are encountered or affected, the primary mitigation measure should be avoidance. The Proponent should avoid contact with or disturbance to each species, its habitat and/or its residence. All direct, indirect, and cumulative effects should be considered. Refer to species status reports and other information on the Species at Risk Registry at <http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca> for information on specific species.

Monitoring should be undertaken by the Proponent to determine the effectiveness of mitigation and/or identify where further mitigation is required. As a minimum, this monitoring should include recording the locations and dates of any observations of Species at Risk, behaviour or actions taken by the animals when project activities were encountered, and any actions taken by the proponent to avoid contact or disturbance to the species, its habitat, and/or its residence. This information should be submitted to the appropriate regulators and organizations with management responsibility for that species, as requested.

For species primarily managed by the Territorial Government, the Territorial Government should be consulted to identify other appropriate mitigation and/or monitoring measures to minimize effects to these species from the project.

Mitigation and monitoring measures must be undertaken in a way that is consistent with applicable recovery strategies and action/management plans.

Schedules of *SARA* are amended on a regular basis, so it is important to check the *SARA* registry (www.sararegistry.gc.ca) to get the current status of a species.

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Terrestrial Species at Risk¹	COSEWIC Designation	Schedule of SARA	Government Organization with Primary Management Responsibility²
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Special Concern	Schedule 1	Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
Common Nighthawk	Threatened	Schedule 1	ECCC
Eskimo Curlew	Endangered	Schedule 1	ECCC
Harlequin Duck	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Harris's Sparrow	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Horned Grebe	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Ivory Gull	Endangered	Schedule 1	ECCC
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Threatened	Schedule 1	ECCC
Peregrine Falcon	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Red Knot Islandica Subspecies	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Red-necked Phalarope	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Ross's Gull	Threatened	Schedule 1	ECCC
Rusty Blackbird	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Short-eared Owl	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Porsild's Bryum	Threatened	Schedule 1	Government of Nunavut (GN)
Transverse Lady Beetle	Special Concern	No Schedule	GN
Caribou (Dolphin and Union Population)	Endangered	Schedule 1	GN
Caribou (Barren-ground Population)	Threatened	No Schedule	GN
Caribou (Torngat Mountains Population)	Endangered	No Schedule	GN
Grizzly Bear (Western Population)	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Peary Caribou	Endangered	Schedule 1	GN
Polar Bear	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Wolverine	Special Concern	Schedule 1	GN
Atlantic Walrus (High Arctic Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
Atlantic Walrus (Central/Low Arctic Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO
Beluga Whale (Cumberland Sound Population)	Threatened	Schedule 1	DFO
Beluga Whale (Eastern Hudson Bay Population)	Endangered	No Schedule	DFO
Beluga Whale (Eastern High Arctic-Baffin Bay Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO
Beluga Whale (Western Hudson Bay Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO
Atlantic Cod (Arctic Lakes Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO
Fourhorn Sculpin (Freshwater Form)	Data Deficient	Schedule 3	DFO
Lumpfish	Threatened	No Schedule	DFO
Thorny Skate	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO

¹ The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has responsibility for aquatic species.

² Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has a national role to play in the conservation and recovery of Species at Risk in Canada, as well as responsibility for management of birds described in the Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA). Day-to-day management of terrestrial species not covered in the MBCA is the responsibility of the Territorial Government. Populations that exist in National Parks are also managed under the authority of the Parks Canada Agency.