

## Municipality of Kugluktuk – Additional Comments

NIRB 2025 Annual Report – Appendix B Format

Comment Number:	1
Subject/Topic:	Marine Shipping & Community Use
References:	2025 Annual Report – Marine Monitoring, Shipping Management Plan
Comment:	Kugluktuk acknowledges that the Annual Report provides technical information on marine shipping and monitoring. However, from a municipal perspective, the conclusions would benefit from clearer linkage to community travel routes, harvesting access, and marine safety considerations relevant to Kugluktuk residents. As a regional coastal community, Kugluktuk experiences indirect exposure to marine activity associated with the Project. Additional explanation of how marine monitoring results inform adaptive management related to community navigation and safety would strengthen confidence in the conclusions presented.
Conclusion/Request:	Request clearer community-focused reporting, including linkage to navigation safety, harvesting access, and adaptive management triggers related to marine activity.

Comment Number:	2
Subject/Topic:	Emergency Response & Municipal Coordination
References:	2025 Annual Report – Emergency Response and Spill Planning
Comment:	The Annual Report references emergency and spill response planning, but does not clearly describe coordination, notification protocols, or capacity assumptions for affected communities such as Kugluktuk. While incidents may be low-probability, they can be high-impact for communities. Kugluktuk requests clarification on how communities are notified during marine or regional incidents, and how emergency planning ensures municipal resources are not relied upon without prior agreement.

Conclusion/Request:	Request clarification on notification protocols, coordination mechanisms, and municipal capacity assumptions.
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Comment Number:	3
Subject/Topic:	Transparency & Accessibility of Information
References:	2025 Annual Report – Overall Reporting
Comment:	The Municipality notes that most findings are presented through technical appendices. While this information is important, clearer plain-language summaries of monitoring results relevant to communities would support municipal understanding and communication with residents. Kugluktuk considers accessible reporting to be an important component of effective effects monitoring and confidence in the validity of conclusions.
Conclusion/Request:	Request inclusion of plain-language community summaries highlighting key results and adaptive actions.

Comment Number:	4
Subject/Topic:	Cumulative and Long-Term Community Effects
References:	2025 Annual Report – Operations and Monitoring
Comment:	Kugluktuk emphasizes that community impacts are most often experienced through cumulative and repeated activities over time, such as seasonal shipping patterns, workforce rotations, and the combined effect of incidents on harvesting confidence. The Annual Report would benefit from clearer multi-year trend analysis demonstrating how conclusions are reassessed as regional activity persists and evolves.
Conclusion/Request:	Request clearer cumulative effects discussion using multi-year trend analysis relevant to communities.

Comment Number:	5
Subject/Topic:	Socio-Economic Benefits and Community Pressures

References:	2025 Annual Report – Socio-Economic Monitoring
Comment:	The Municipality recognizes the Project's positive contributions through employment, training, and community investment. At the same time, Kugluktuk requests clearer acknowledgement of community-level barriers and pressures, including housing, childcare, and local support capacity, that affect residents' ability to participate in Project benefits.
Conclusion/Request:	Request clearer discussion of local barriers and coordination with communities to address pressures.

Comment Number:	6
Subject/Topic:	Traditional Activities & Harvesting Confidence
References:	2025 Annual Report – Traditional Activities and Monitoring
Comment:	For Kugluktuk, effects on traditional activities include both environmental outcomes and harvesting confidence, including perceived safety and access. The Municipality requests clearer explanation of how community observations and Inuit knowledge are incorporated into monitoring interpretation and adaptive management, particularly where marine logistics may influence harvesting decisions.
Conclusion/Request:	Request clearer integration of community observations and Inuit knowledge into monitoring and adaptive management discussions.