

NIRB Project Application 126455

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The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

- No concerns

Please describe the concerns indicated above:

N/A

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?

Transport Canada does not have concerns about the proposed project but does note the project is subject to acts and regulations administered by Transport Canada. NRCan (the proponent) proposed, among other activities, deployment of acoustic moorings and associated equipment. Works such as the installation of scientific equipment in navigable waterways are subject to the Canadian Navigable Waters Act (CNWA) and in some cases may require an approval under the CNWA. Works in non-navigable waters are not subject to the CNWA. Works in navigable waters that adhere to the CNWA Minor Works Order are likely to slightly interfere with navigation and do not require approval under the CNWA. Transport Canada reached out to the NRCan to recommend they self-assess against the CNWA Minor Works Order. NRCan advised that the originally proposed deployment of acoustic moorings has been removed from this year's planned field activities. Therefore, there are no requirements under the CNWA.

NRCan also confirmed with Transport Canada that the proposed drone work will follow all regulations laid out in the Canadian Aviation Regulations (SOR/96-433) document, including those specifically identified in Part IX "Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems".

Finally, all marine navigation for the Project must conform to applicable federal and territorial legislation, in particular the requirements of the Canada Shipping Act, 2001 and the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act, and their associated regulations.

Any additional comments?

Thank you for the opportunity to review.

Do you support the project proposal?: Yes