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Sent via email: kugluktuk@krwb.ca

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association's "Water quality and fish health near Kugluktuk" project proposal

Dear Amanda Dumond:

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 July 14, 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/ 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	Kitikmeot region, including the Coppermine River and its tributaries, nearby freshwater lakes and rivers, and marine areas used by Kugluktuk harvesters.
Objective	The Proponent intends to conduct long-term monitoring of water quality and fish health in and around the Coppermine River watershed and other freshwater and marine systems used by Kugluktuk residents. The program would collect information on water quality, water temperature, water levels, and fish health to support local stewardship, monitor environmental change, and inform community decision-making.
Timeline	April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2037 (multi-year monitoring program).

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

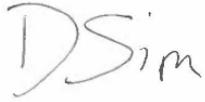
- **Undertakings, Works and Activities**
 - Water sampling, installation and monitoring of water level and temperature loggers, and collection of biological samples and measurements from subsistence-harvested fish;
 - Installation of metal housings for temperature loggers by drilling into bedrock
 - Field activities at existing sampling locations, with possible expansion to other freshwater systems in the Coppermine River watershed, subject to funding and community interest.
- **Equipment and Fuel**
 - Field activities would be conducted by boat, ATVs, snowmobiles, with helicopter support where required.
 - Gasoline would be used for equipment refueling and naphtha would be used for cooking and heating equipment. Fuel would not be cached, and any unused fuel would be returned to Kugluktuk.
- **Camps**
 - Intermittent establishment and operation of a temporary camp of approximately one (1) to three (3) tents containing two (2) to four (4) personnel to support field activities at remote locations.
 - Water would be collected with reusable water jugs from nearby freshwater systems for consumption and camp use.
- **Waste**
 - Food particles would be filtered out of greywater, and the greywater would then be disposed of in a shallow pit further than 50 meters away from water.
 - Human waste would be contained, transported back to Kugluktuk, and disposed of at the local Hamlet facility.

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 575 or dsim@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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