



SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE No.: 26YN023

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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 GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research’s “Ocean Change 2026” 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 April 13, 2026, the NIRB received a referral to screen GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research’s “Ocean Change 2026” project proposal (NIRB File No: 26YN023) 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/126437.

- Project Name: Ocean Change 2026
- NIRB File No.: 26YN023
- NIRB Application No.: 126437

Table 1: NIRB’s Assessment Process

| Date | Stage |
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| April 13, 2026 | Receipt of project proposal |
| April 13, 2026 | 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 |
| June 1, 2026 | Receipt of online application from Proponent |
| June 1, 2026 | Scoping pursuant to s. 86(1) of the <i>NuPPAA</i> |
| June 2, 2026 | NIRB conducted an inclusion or exclusion of scope |
| June 2, 2026 | Public engagement and comment request was issued in English with translations provided once available |
| June 23, 2026 | Receipt of public comments |
| July 2, 2026 | Issuance of Screening Decision Report |

1. Project Scope

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| Location | South Qikiqtani region, including marine areas within the Davis Strait and Cumberland Sound, with a planned port call in Pangnirtung. |
| Objective | The Proponent intends to conduct marine-based research and outreach expedition to collect oceanographic data and climate data, while promoting public awareness of ocean health and climate change. |
| Timeline | July 30, 2026, to August 13, 2026 (one-time, approximately two (2) week research program) |

As required under s. 86(1) of the *NuPPAA*, the Board accepted the scope of the project as set out by GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research in the proposal. The scope of the project proposal includes the following undertakings, works, or activities:

- **Undertaking, Works and Activities**
 - The project involves vessel transit through Nunavut waters, collection of oceanographic measurements (including water temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, and carbon dioxide)
 - Community outreach activities during a port call in Pangnirtung.
 - Routine vessel operations associated with research expedition.
- **Equipment and Fuel**
 - Diesel will be used to operate the vessel's auxiliary engine for maneuvering during port operations and as required during vessel transit, an ocean pack will also be used to measure temperature, salinity, oxygen and Pco₂ in ocean surface water.
 - Use of a CTD (Conductivity, Temperature, and Depth) sonde would also be used to measure conductivity, temperature, and depth measurements at certain points
- **Water Usage and Waste**
 - Freshwater would be produced onboard from the ocean using a Spectra Horn Extreme 300 water maker.
 - Greywater produced would be stored in a tank onboard and would be disposed of at approved harbor or port where available.

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 23, 2026, the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

Table 2: Comments Received

| Commenting Party | NIRB Doc ID No. |
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| Transport Canada | 361943 |

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 Ocean Change 2026 project proposal:

Transport Canada

- All marine navigation must conform to applicable federal and territorial legislation, particularly the Canada Shipping Act, 2001 and the Arctic Waters pollution Prevention Act, and their associated regulations.

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.

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 |
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| 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 extends through marine waters of the Davis Strait and Cumberland Sound; however, the project footprint is limited to vessel transit and oceanographic data collection. ▪ Potential effects on wildlife habitat are expected to be temporary, localized, and fully reversible, with no physical habitat disturbance proposed. |
| The ecosystemic sensitivity of that area. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The project area occurs within ecologically sensitive Arctic marine environments that support marine mammals, fish, seabirds, and other wildlife species; however, project activities are limited to short-term vessel transit and oceanographic measurements, |

| Factor | Comment |
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| | therefore any potential effects are expected to be minimal, temporary, and reversible. . |
| The historical, cultural and archaeological significance of that area. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The project area may contain historical, cultural, and archaeological resources; however, no physical disturbance is proposed, and potential effects are expected to be negligible. |
| The size of the human and the animal populations likely to be affected by the impacts. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The number of human receptors likely to be affected by the project is limited, as activities would occur mostly at sea with minimal community interaction expected. ▪ Wildlife interactions are expected to be limited to temporary disturbance associated with vessel presence and movement. No long-term effects on wildlife populations are anticipated. |
| 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"> ▪ The nature of impacts is primarily related to short-term vessel transit and oceanographic data collection. The magnitude and complexity of impacts are expected to be low, with any impacts expected to be temporary, localized, and fully reversible. |
| 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 project area is periodically used for marine transportation, tourism, and scientific research activities. Given the limited duration, small scale, and non-intrusive nature of the proposed activities, the project is not expected to contribute significantly to cumulative effects. The Board has recommended terms, conditions, and mitigation measures 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 *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/M-7.01/>), the *Migratory Birds Regulations* (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._1035/index.html) and the *Migratory Bird Sanctuary Regulations* (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._1036/index.html).
2. 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.
3. 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>).

4. The *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-15.31/>).
5. The *Canada Shipping Act, 2001* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-10.15/>).
6. The *Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-12/>).
7. The *Marine Liability Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/M-0.7/>).
8. The *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* (<https://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/N-22/>).

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:

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| Valued Component | Migratory and non-migratory birds |
| Potential effects: | Project activities may result in temporary disturbance to migratory and non-migratory birds through vessel presence and movement within the project area. |
| Nature of Impacts: | Any impacts to migratory and non-migratory birds are expected to be localized, temporary, and fully reversible due to the short duration of the project and the absence of habitat-disturbing activities. |
| Mitigating Factors: | Activities would be conducted from a vessel and do not involve habitat alteration, vegetation clearing, or nesting habitat disturbance, reducing the likelihood of impacts to migratory and non-migratory birds. |
| Proposed Terms and Conditions: | Migratory Birds and Raptors Disturbance – 11 |

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| Valued Component | Marine mammals and marine aquatics |
| Potential effects: | Vessel transit and oceanographic measurements may interact with marine mammals and marine aquatic species within the project area. Noise and vessel presence may result in temporary disturbance and avoidance of localized areas by marine mammal and aquatic species. |
| Nature of Impacts: | Impacts are expected to be low in magnitude, as disturbances would be localized to the vessel route and limited to the duration of project activities. The duration of impacts is expected to be short-term and fully reversible. |
| Mitigating Factors: | The Proponent has indicated that project activities are limited to vessel transit and oceanographic measurements and do not involve seabed disturbance or resource extraction. The Proponent has also indicated that waste and greywater would be retained onboard and disposed of at approved facilities where available. |

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| Proposed Terms and Conditions: | Wildlife – General – 10 Fuel and Chemical Storage – 7 through 9 Wildlife – General – 10 Marine-Based Activities – 12 and 13 |
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| Valued Component | Public and traditional land use activities in the area |
| Potential effects: | Vessel transit and oceanographic measurements may interact with areas used for harvesting, travel, and other traditional land and resource use activities. Project activities may result in temporary interference with public and traditional land use activities occurring within the project area. |
| Nature of Impacts: | Impacts are expected to be low in magnitude, localized, short-term in duration, and fully reversible. |
| Mitigating Factors: | The project is temporary in nature and primarily offshore. The Proponent has indicated that community outreach activities would occur during the planned port call in Pangnirtung and that project information would be shared with local communities. |
| Proposed Terms and Conditions: | Other – 14 and 15 |

Socio-economic effects on northerners:

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| Valued Component | Employment and hiring |
| Potential effects: | The project may provide limited employment and hiring opportunities associated with project activities and community engagement. |
| Nature of Impacts: | Impacts are expected to be positive, low in magnitude, and short-term in duration due to the limited scoped and duration of the project. |
| Mitigating Factors: | The Proponent has indicated that community outreach activities will be undertaken during the project. |
| Proposed Terms and Conditions: | Other – 16 |

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. GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research (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.: 151125), and the NIRB (Online Application Form, April 22, 2026; Revised Application, June 1, 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.

Fuel and Chemical Storage

7. The Proponent shall have a Spill Contingency Plan in place at all fuel storage or transfer locations and shall ensure that appropriate spill response equipment and clean-up materials (e.g., shovels, pumps, barrels, drip pans, and absorbents) are readily available
8. The Proponent shall ensure that wildlife deterrent systems are utilized at the time of a spill incident in order to avoid wildlife (terrestrial or marine) and migratory birds from being contaminated.
9. The Proponent shall ensure that all spills of fuel or other deleterious materials of 100 litres or more must be reported immediately to the 24-hour Spill Line at (867) 920-8130.

Wildlife – General

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

Migratory Birds and Raptors Disturbance

11. 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*.

Marine-Based Activities

12. The Proponent shall ensure that noise be kept to a minimum and shall refrain from making sharp or loud noises, blowing horns or whistles and shall maintain constant engine noise levels.
13. The Proponent shall report all incidents, injuries or sightings of marine mammals to the appropriate authorizing agencies.

Other

14. The Proponent should consult with local residents regarding their activities in the area and solicit available Inuit Qaujimaningit and information that can inform project activities.
15. The Proponent shall ensure that project activities do not interfere with Inuit wildlife harvesting or traditional land use activities.
16. 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.
6. For further information on how to protect migratory birds, their nests and eggs when planning or carrying out project activities, consult Environment and Climate Change Canada’s Incidental Take web page and the fact sheet “Planning Ahead to Reduce the Risk of Detrimental Effects to Migratory Birds, and their Nests and Eggs” available at: http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2013/ec/CW66-324-2013-eng.pdf.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing constitutes the Board’s screening decision with respect to the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research’s “Ocean Change 2026”. The NIRB remains available for consultation with the Minister regarding this report as necessary.

Dated July 2, 2026 at Iqaluit, NU.



Albert Ehaloak, 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 |
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| 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.