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**Re: Transport Canada Arctic Bay Sealift Field Program Nunavut Impact Review Board Public Comment Period (26YN033)**

Dear Jackie and Jordan,

## 1 Project Overview

Worley Canada Services Ltd., operating as Worley Consulting, has been retained by the Government of Nunavut – Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut (GN-TIN) to support the design of Sealift safety improvements in Arctic Bay, Nunavut (NU) (the Project). Arctic Bay is located on northern Baffin Island, on the Borden Peninsula, in the Qikiqtaaluk Region of NU (73°1.885'N, 85°85.308'W, see Appendix A [Figure A-1]). Dynamic Ocean Consulting Ltd. (Dynamic Ocean) is supporting Worley Consulting on the permitting requirements for the Project.

To inform the design phase, a geotechnical field program will be undertaken over several days in 2026 (referred to as the Program).

The intention of the Program will be as below:

- Conduct a geotechnical investigation consisting of test pits at the Sealift site.

- Archaeological studies may be undertaken if required.

For a detailed description of the surveys involved in the Program, see Section 3.1 in the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Application Letter (Dynamic Ocean, 2026).

## 2 Information Request Response

### 2.1 Background

The Arctic Bay Sealift Field Program NIRB application was submitted on 25 May 2026 (NIRB, 2026c), with the application accepted as complete on 01 June 2026. The screening assessment pursuant to Section 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* was initiated. The NIRB requested interested parties to submit comments on the Project over a 21-day Public Comment Period, which initiated on 04 June 2026 (NIRB, 2026a). The GN-TIN received a request from the NIRB on 26 June 2026 (NIRB, 2026b) to respond to comment submissions (hereafter referred to as Information Request [IR]). The IRs were received from the following Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs):

- Transport Canada (TC), 17 June 2026 (TC, 2026).
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), 25 June 2026 (CIRNAC, 2026).

### 2.2 Letter Intention

This letter supports the GN-TIN's response to TC. The TC IR is provided in Appendix B.

The Program acknowledges that TC is the AHJ for pertinent legislation as below:

- *Canadian Navigable Waters Act, 1985.*
- *Canada Shipping Act, 2001.*
- *Marine Liability Act, 2001.*
- Arctic Shipping Safety and Pollution Prevention Regulations.
- *Arctic Waters Pollution Prevent Act, 1985.*
- *Marine Transportation Security Act, 1994.*
- Marine Transportation Security Regulations.
- Collision Regulations.

There are no activities pertinent to the Program relevant to marine navigation. All Program activities are confined to the intertidal area and on land, and therefore, no marine navigation considerations apply that will not be met through compliance with the legislation as summarized above.

### 2.3 Response

We appreciate TC taking the time to support the NIRB during the Public Comment Period and acknowledge the recommendations made. A detailed response to the TC IR is provided in Table 2-1.

**Table 2-1: Transport Canada Information Requests**

ID No.	TC Information Request	TC Recommendations	Response
1	<p>This comment is an acknowledgment of TC’s review of NIRB File No. 26YN033, Arctic Bay Sealift Field Program, to support the detailed design of the Sealift facilities, and confirmation that the project components, as they are described in the proposal, do not require comments from TC.</p>	-	<p>Acknowledged.</p> <p>The survey activities of the Program will not interfere with marine navigation and therefore do not require comment from the TC. However, TC will be engaged during the design phase of the Project to confirm any requirements for navigation during the operational phase of the Project.</p>

### 3 Summary and Closing

We appreciate TC taking the time to participate in the NIRB’s Public Comment Period. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Laura Borden (see Table 3-1).

**Table 3-1: Contact Information**

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# Appendix A: Supporting Figure



**Legend**

- Project Location
- ▭ Study Area (50 m)

**Sealift Footprint**

- ▭ Improved Road and New Ramp
- ▭ Laydown



0 37.5 75 150 km

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Spatial Reference  
GCS: GCS WGS 1984  
Datum: WGS 1984  
Projection: Stereographic North Pole  
Map Units: Metre

Drawn: AW  
Edited: CL  
Approved: VBC

**Arctic Bay Sealift Project**

ID: 11.0003    Rev: C    Figure A-1

**Project Location**

# Appendix B: Information Request

NIRB Project Application 126445

Comments posted by Jackie Barker on June 17, 2026

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?

N/A

Any additional comments?

Transport Canada has reviewed the project proposal. The project components and activities, as they are described in the proposal, do not require comments from Transport Canada. Thank you for the opportunity to review.

Do you support the project proposal?: Yes