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Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Sent via email: info@nirb.ca

Re: NIRB File No. 25YN051: KitIA comments regarding "*ICENAV*" Project Proposal.

Dear Ms. Brittany Hogaluk,

The Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide comments on the "ICENAV" Project proposal. Please see the following comments from KitIA on the proposal at this time.

As the project will be taking place from the Royal Canadian Navy and Canadian Coast Guard vessels, KitIA would like to encourage the following:

Wildlife

KitIA encourages all involved with ICENAV to remain mindful of local wildlife sensitivity periods, specifically for this project marine mammals such as belugas and narwhales through the entire duration of their proposed project. Both whale species are an important source of food for community members of the Kitikmeot Region. The NIRB should consider this in developing mitigation measures and permit conditions that reflect the caution required when there is a potential risk of wildlife interaction.

Waste Management

The storage, transportation and handling of all fuel (jet fuel, diesel, gas, other) should be with proper care and should also be stored in secondary containment. All waste fuel should be properly stored and be properly disposed of when possible. Emphasis should be taken on the *Waste and Fuel Management Plan* to ensure that the environment is prioritized and negative impacts to the environment are minimized.

Community Involvement

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KitIA encourages the Proponent to hire local Inuit Beneficiaries to help support the project. Inuit hold important knowledge of the area, animals and environment that can help support both the project design and implementation.

Engagement with the local HTO's and community members is expected, and KitIA encourages continued communication with all local HTO's and community members to share plans and gather local insight, especially regarding land use and wildlife observations.

If you have any question regarding the attached submission, please contact the undersigned directly at jamagoalik@lands.kitia.ca.

Regards,

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