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Jordan Hoffman
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Sent via email: jordanhoffman30@gmail.com

Re: **Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Royal Roads University's
"Namminiqsurniq Nunavut Ecosystems Field Course" project proposal**

Dear Jordan Hoffman:

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 September 10, 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/126475 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	South Qikiqtani region, in and around Iqaluit, Frobisher Bay, Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park, Katannilik Territorial Park, Nunngarut and Jordan River.
Objective	The Proponent intends to conduct educational research activities to help support Devolution-related employment that consists of vegetation sampling, conducting snow and ice measurements, wildlife observation and harvest monitoring, and oceanographic data collection.
Timeline	September 28, 2026, to March 31, 2027. (Up to three (3) field days in September 2026 and March 2027 – six (6) field days in total)

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

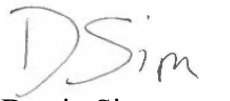
- **Undertakings, Works and Activities**
 - Environmental sampling would include vegetation, snow and ice, plankton, and Arctic char harvesting and sampling, wildlife observation and environmental monitoring activities.
 - Up to 15 (fifteen) personnel will be on site for up to six (6) field days, activities would be conducted by boat and snowmobile where applicable.
- **Equipment and Fuel Use**
 - Use of up to four (4) boats and twenty (20) snowmobiles, with up to 200 litres of gasoline transported in jerry cans for use during field activities.
- **Water Use and Waste**
 - Water would be brought from the city of Iqaluit, and solid waste would be brought back to Iqaluit and disposed of at the landfill. Human waste would be disposed of using park outhouses where available or buried more than 150 metres from water sources.

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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