

Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board
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Re: Information Request Regarding NIRB 08MN053 - Conformity Determination for Baffinland's Draft EIS Submission and Commencement of Technical Review Period.

I am writing in response to a letter informing the Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board of the Technical Review Period for the project proposal and to ask for submissions regarding requesting information on the EIS of the proposed project.

The NMRIRB would like to request information on the proposed shipping route of the project's transportation plan through the Hudson Strait as it pertains to the Nunavik Marine Region. The information request is regarding the trans-boundary environmental impact and the cumulative effects of the transportation corridor when considering seasonal variation, frequency, disturbance, and sea-ice breakage on marine VECs such as habitat, biota and mammals.

Our information request stems from the determination of no significant impact in the EIS on some of the issues outlined above. The effect of the proposed shipping routes would benefit greatly from a traditional ecological knowledge base associated with the Nunavik Marine Region and we'd like to know to what extent the proponent addressed these concerns from the perspective of Nunavik settlements on the Hudson Strait.

We would also like to request information on the community consultation component with regard to its approach in terms of the role of the Nunavik communities on the Hudson Strait and the method of facilitating public meetings, as well as the process of compiling and addressing public comments on the project proposal.

Even though most of these issues have been dealt with by the EIS, more detailed information is required as it pertains to the Nunavik Marine Region and the Nunavik settlements on the Hudson Strait.

Thank you for acknowledging our request.

Sincerely,

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