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project. The workshop will be facilitated by NIRB staff and will provide opportunity for the Proponent to present a summary of its current monitoring and mitigation program for the marine environment, including community-based monitoring programs, followed by discussions between the Proponent, community members and community organizations, responsible authorities and other interested parties. Break-out sessions facilitated by NIRB staff may also be utilized to further discuss specific agenda items in smaller groups if necessary (e.g., marine mammal monitoring, vessel management protocol, marine environment working group etc.).

The NIRB has made the following arrangements for the Marine Workshop:

- Interpretation:** Simultaneous English and Inuktitut interpretation will be provided to the extent practicable.
- Facilitator:** The meeting will be facilitated by Ryan Barry, NIRB Executive Director.
- Materials:** Participants will be asked to make available printed/digital copies of presentations or other information prepared for the workshop.
- Meeting times:** The workshop will begin at **9:00 am** each day and will run until **5:00 pm**, with an hour break for lunch and up to two 15-minute health breaks each day. Light refreshments will be provided during health breaks; other meals will not be provided for participants. An evening session has been scheduled for May 1 (**6:30 pm – 9:00 pm**) to ensure that interested members of the public can attend outside of regular working hours.

To assist with parties' preparation for the workshop, the NIRB has prepared a *draft* workshop agenda (Appendix A) to guide discussions around specific topics. By copy of this letter, the NIRB invites planned workshop participants to provide feedback on the draft agenda and ordering of discussion items on or before **March 14, 2019**.

To facilitate workshop discussions, the NIRB respectfully requests that Baffinland prepare a series of overview presentations to provide background on activities completed to date and planned activities for the upcoming 2019 shipping season. Each presentation would be followed by active discussion and questioning by workshop participants. Specifically, information should include an overview of shipping activities for the approved Project, including current status of ore production and transportation, as well as highlights of the 2018 shipping season and a summary of Baffinland's marine monitoring program. An update on the planned 2019 shipping season activities should also be provided. The NIRB invites Baffinland's feedback on or before **March 14, 2019** on the suggested grouping/separation and timing of discussion items set out in the draft workshop agenda (Appendix A).

The NIRB respectfully requests that workshop participants be prepared to provide community perspectives on project-related shipping, effectiveness of current monitoring and mitigation

measures, and results of ongoing community-based monitoring programs relevant to the marine environment. The NIRB further recommends that experts from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and other government agencies with marine-related mandates or expertise plan to attend this workshop and be prepared to engage in discussions and provide informational materials or poster presentations to support engagement with the community.

NEXT STEPS

The NIRB requests that parties planning to attend the upcoming marine workshop provide our office with details regarding the number of representatives to be in attendance, their names, positions and respective area of expertise or authority. Due to the limited accommodations in Pond Inlet the NIRB encourages out-of-town participants to limit the number of planned representatives to allow space for as many groups to participate as possible. As noted above, the Board also invites feedback on the draft workshop agenda to be provided on or before **March 14, 2019**.

Should you have any questions regarding the upcoming Marine Monitoring and Marine Mitigation Workshop in Pond Inlet, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4603 or samuno@nirb.ca

Sincerely,



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APPENDIX A –DRAFT AGENDA

NIRB File No.: 08MN053 – Marine Monitoring and Marine Mitigation Workshop
Proponent: Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation
Facilitator: Ryan Barry, NIRB Executive Director
Location: Atakaalik Community Hall, Pond Inlet, NU
Dates & Times: May 1, 2019: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
May 2, 2019: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Note: All times given are approximate. The order of discussion topics and times given are subject to change at the NIRB's discretion. A 10-15 minute health break will be provided during each morning, afternoon and evening session.

DAY 1 –WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 2019

1. NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks (*15 minutes*)
 - Objectives of the Workshop
 - Discussion of the NIRB's role
 - Introduction of Participants
 - Housekeeping Items
 - Overview of Agenda
2. Baffinland Overview Presentation: (*45 minutes*)
 - Current status of ore production and transportation/shipment
 - Overview of 2018 shipping activities and mitigation applied
 - Compliance status with NIRB Project Certificate - marine related terms and conditions
3. Status of Baffinland's Marine Monitoring Programs (*30 minutes*)
 - Tremblay Sound Narwhal Tagging Program
 - Bruce Head Monitoring Program
 - Overview of each program, data collected to date, implications for applied mitigation and planned 2019 activities
4. Planned 2019 Shipping Activities, Mitigation and Monitoring (*30 minutes*)
5. Open discussion:
 - Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) and marine mammals around the shipping route
 - Community perspectives on project-related shipping and impacts
 - Effectiveness of current monitoring and mitigation measures
 - Results of ongoing community-based monitoring programs relevant to the marine environment
6. Afternoon session wrap-up with comments and feedback from participants

7. Evening session (6:30 – 9:00 pm):
 - Presentation by Baffinland on 2018 shipping activities, mitigation applied, monitoring conducted and results, and plans for 2019 (*45 minutes*)
 - Question and answer session with public

DAY 2 –THURSDAY MAY 2, 2019

1. NIRB Opening Remarks (*10 minutes*)
 - Day 1 Recap and Day 2 brief
2. Status of Baffinland's Marine Monitoring Programs (continued): (*30 minutes*)
 - Ship-based Observer Program
 - Marine Ecological Effects Monitoring Program
 - Overview of each program, data collected to date, implications for applied mitigation and planned 2019 activities
 - Updates on coordination with monitoring by DFO and other agencies
3. Open discussion:
 - Progress and results of community-based marine monitoring program associated with the Mary River Project
4. Emerging issues for project-related shipping (*45 minutes*)
 - Ice management operation and coordination with MHTO
 - Vessel management protocols (anchorage and drifting zones)
 - Vessel speed/size
 - Automatic Identification System (AIS) in the community
 - Marine Environment Working Group (MEWG)
5. Open discussion:
 - Lessons learned from 2018 shipping season
 - Recommendations for 2019 shipping season
6. Workshop wrap-up and next steps