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TO CONDUCT THE FOLLOWING STUDY:

Hope Bay Belt Project - Environmental Baseline Study

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH:

The work proposed for the year 2000 in the Hope bay Belt Area is a continuation of the environmental baseline and monitoring work conducted in the area since 1993. This work serves as baseline information for future studies as well as baseline information for any monitoring programs that would be initiated should the project be developed. This year, there will be spring and fall site visits by experiences team personnel. As with past years of study, all information will be non-intrusive. All team personnel will make use of camp accommodations and equipment already on site and covered under current site licenses.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

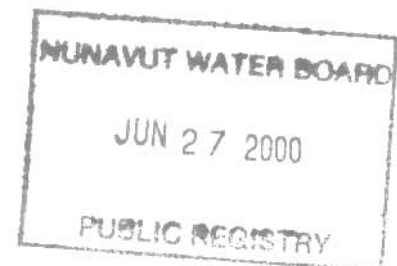
The holder of the licence will be bound by the terms and conditions of the Nunavut Impact Review Board Screening Decision Report and by the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth Archeological Sites Terms and Conditions. All terms and conditions will form part of this licence.

THE STUDY WILL BE CONDUCTED AT: Hope Bay Belt, Nunavut

(67°30' to 68°12', 106° to 107°)

BETWEEN: May 15, 2000 - December 31, 2000.

Mary Ellen Thomas
 Manager, Research Liaison

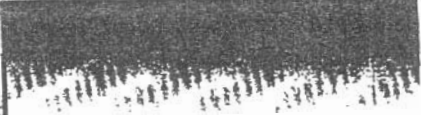


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SCREENING DECISION

May 30, 2000

Hon. Peter Kattuk
Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youths
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Dear Minister:

**RE: Screening Decision on a research application for
NIRB #: 00YN013 NRI
Research - Hope Bay Belt Environmental Baseline Study**

Authority:

Section 12.4.4 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement states:

Upon receipt of a project proposal, NIRB shall screen the proposal and indicate to the Minister in writing that:

- a) the proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5;
- b) the proposal requires review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB shall identify particular issues or concerns, which should be considered in such a review;
- c) the proposal is insufficiently developed to permit proper screening, and should be returned to the proponent for clarification; or
- d) the potential adverse impacts of the proposal are so unacceptable that it should be modified or abandoned.

Primary Objectives:

The primary objectives of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement is referenced in the screening section 12.4.4 (a) are set out in section 12.2.5 of the Land Claims Agreement. This section reads:

In carrying out its functions, the primary objectives of NIRB shall be at all times to protect and promote the existing and future well being of the residents and communities of the Nunavut Settlement Area, and to protect the ecosystemic integrity of the Nunavut Settlement Area. NIRB shall take into account the well being of the residents of Canada outside the Nunavut Settlement Area.

The decision of the Board in this case is 12.4.4 (a) the proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5;

Reasons for Decision:

NIRB's decision is based on specific considerations that reflect the primary objectives of the Land Claims Agreement. Our considerations in making this decision included:

- the impact and disturbance to wildlife and wildlife habitat;
- the impact and disturbance to birds and bird habitat;
- the impact and disposal of any garbage and wastes;
- the impact to terrain and archeological sites in the area, and
- community support for the project

Terms and Conditions:

- That the terms and conditions attached to this screening report will apply.

Waste

1. The Permittee shall ensure that the land use area is kept clean and tidy at all time.
2. The Permittee shall use a "pack-it-in, pack-it-out" policy and ensure that all wastes and debris generated through the course of the operation are removed and adequately disposed of in an approved dumpsite.
3. The Permittee shall ensure that no substances, including any chemicals, fuels or wastes associated with the project are deposited into marine environment or any other water body.

Wildlife

4. The harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat is prohibited under the Fisheries Act.
5. The Permittee shall ensure that there is minimal disturbance to any nesting birds and wildlife in the area.
6. The Permittee shall ensure that there is no damage to wildlife habitat in conducting this research.
7. The Permittee shall ensure that aircraft pilots adhere to recommended flight altitudes of greater than 300m above ground level as to not disturb wildlife. Aircraft should avoid concentrations of caribou and nesting or molting waterfowl at all times.

Environmental

8. The Permittee shall use the existing camp facilities and infrastructure set up in the Hope Bay Belt Area.
9. The Permittee shall not store materials on the surface ice of lakes or streams.
10. The Permittee shall remove all equipment, including garbage and fuel, upon abandonment.

Archaeological Sites

11. The Permittee shall follow all terms and conditions for the protection and restoration of archaeological resources as outlined by the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youths (CLEY) in attached letter.

Other Recommendations

1. NIRB would like to encourage the proponent to hire local people and services, to the extent possible, and to continue consulting with local residents regarding their activities in the region.
2. The proponent is strongly encouraged to contact the Regional Wildlife biologist in Kugluktuk (Brent Patterson) to discuss full study details.
3. Any amendment requests deemed by NIRB to be outside the original scope of the project will be considered a new project.

Validity of Land Claims Agreement**Section 2.12.2**

Where there is any inconsistency or conflict between any federal, territorial and local government laws, and the Agreement, the Agreement shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

Dated May 23/00 at Whale Cove, N.T.


Elizabeth Copland, Vice-Chairperson

Attachment: NIRB Screening Form