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Sent via email: toby.nowlan@bbc.co.uk

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for BBC Broadcasting House's "One Planet: Grasslands" project proposal

Dear Toby Nowlan:

On March 18, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received British Broadcasting Corporation Broadcasting House (BBC) "One Planet: Grasslands" project proposal from the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS). Further, the NIRB received correspondence from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) stating that the project is located outside an area with an approved Land Use Plan in place (Kitikmeot Region). On March 24, 2015 the NIRB received a referral from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for Class B Land Use Permit No.: N2015N0015. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 15YN013.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. On March 20, 2015 the NIRB requested that the BBC provide additional information and permit/licence applications in support of this proposal by March 30, 2015. On March 31, 2015 the NIRB received the requested additional information and following review of the material noted that a portion of the proposed project required conformity to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan and followed up with the NPC on April 20, 2015. On April 22, 2015 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the NPC.

The proposed project is to film the behaviour of two caribou herds during post-calving period, the Beverly herd in the Kitikmeot region and the Qamanirjuaq herd in the Kivalliq region for a sequel to Planet Earth titled One Planet. The filming of the two herds would take place in June 2015.

The proposed project activities include:

- Kitikmeot – Beverly Herd
 - Transportation of six personnel on a twin otter to the existing Perry River Camp (Goose Camp) in the Queen Maud Gulf Migratory Bird sanctuary;
 - Use of facilities at Perry River Camp;
 - Use of a helicopter equipped with a long lens aerial camera daily to selected filming locations in order to film caribou from the air remaining at least 3,000 feet above;
 - Filming of caribou from blinds on the ground; and
 - Cache fuel 25 x 205 litre drums of aviation fuel and one, 205 litre drum of diesel.
- Kivalliq Region – Qamanirjuaq herd
 - Use of helicopter to fly in and out two to three persons once the location of a temporary camp have been identified or based out of Rankin Inlet;
 - Establishment of a temporary camp for up to two weeks;
 - Use of water from local water sources for personal consumption ; and
 - Backhauling of sewage, greywater and combustible and non-combustible wastes to appropriate facilities in Rankin Inlet for disposal.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/15YN013-BBC-Caribou%20Filming/> including:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English and Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun*
- *Maps*
- *NPC Conformity Determinations for Kitikmeot and Kivalliq regions*
- *CWS Permit Application-Bird Sanctuary Permit*
- *Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Class B Land Use Permit*
- *Government of Nunavut Research Permit Application*

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the NIRB shall proceed to screen this project proposal. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by BBC's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **May 14, 2015**.

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 and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;

- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (3): Comment Forms (English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun)