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NPC 149495: National Glaciology Project - Queen Elizabeth Islands, NU & NT

Proposal Status: Conformity Determination Issued

Overview

Documents

Project Overview

Type of application: New

Proponent name: David

Proponent company: NRCan

Project Description:

This multi-year project involves site visitation and measurements of glacier mass balance and related glacier-climate metrics over 3 ice caps and 1 glacier in Nunavut. Methodology has been consistent since the project began 1959 whereby snow accumulation and ice melt are measured annually against aluminum poles drilled into the ice cap or glacier, and snow density is measured by weighing known volumes (~4 cubic cm) of snow collected from each site. Since 1994, automatic weather stations deployed at each site have collected hourly measurements of air temperature and snow/ice thickness. Transport to each site is via Polar Continental Shelf Project charter air flights on twin-otter aircraft, and movements on the ground are via snowmobile. Field team stay in tents at all sites except Grise Fiord where accommodation is in the Grise Fiord hotel. The average stay at each site is 4 days. Results from this project support Government priorities through science contributions to NRCan Programs, Government departments, National and International assessments pertaining to climate change and contributions to sea-level from Canada's Arctic glaciers and Northern communities.

Project Schedule

Start Date: 2021-04-01

End Date: 2026-12-31

Project Map

List of project geometries:

Id	Geometry	Location Name
7197	polygon	Meighen Ice cap
7190	polyline	Devon ice cap
7195	polyline	Grise Fiord Glacier
7196	polyline	Agassiz Ice Field

NPC Planning regions:

North Baffin



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