



NIRB File No.: 17AN040

Related to NIRB File No.: 06AN026

NIRB Application No.: 125084

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The Honourable Catherine McKenna
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House of Commons
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Sent via email: ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca and Catherine.mckenna@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Environment and Climate Change Canada's "Shorebird Research–Prince Charles Island" Project Proposal

Dear Ms. McKenna:

On February 20, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) "Shorebird Research–Prince Charles Island" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister(s) extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 17AN040.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening; therefore on March 3, 2017 the Board requested that the Proponent provide additional information. On March 21, 2017 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the NuPPAA. On March 28, 2017 the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by April 10, 2017. Due to the high volume of screenings currently before the Board and limited availability resulting from continued board member vacancies, additional time is required to complete the decision-making for this file.

The Board requires additional time to fully consider the project proposal and to complete the screening. All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Shorebird Research-Prince Charles Island
- NIRB File No.: 17AN040
- Application No.: 125084

The NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the NuPPAA. The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **May 12, 2017** at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister(s) for consideration.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the responsible authority will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,



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