



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 17AN040**

NIRB Application No.: 125084
Related to NIRB File No.: 06AN026
NPC File No.: 148462
Related to NPC File No.: 148512

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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Environment and Climate Change Canada's "Shorebird Research – Prince Charles Island" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region, NIRB File No. 17AN040

Dear Georgina:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister Environment and Climate Change for Environment and Climate Change's "Shorebird Research – Prince Charles Island" in the Qikiqtani (South Baffin) and Kitikmeot region, dated May 23, 2017.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Minister(s) that a review of the project is not required in accordance with paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, regulatory authorities should take note of paragraph 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: "A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed." Contravention of section 75(1) of the *NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact Talia Maksagak, NIRB Junior Technical Advisor at (867) 983-5627 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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