



May 19, 2016

Allison Kean
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Sent via email: allison.kean@quarkexpeditions.com

Re: NPC Determination and Referral for Screening Required for Quark Expeditions' "Quark Canadian Arctic 2016" Project Proposal

Dear Allison Kean:

Please be advised that the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received information in support of Quark Expedition's "Quark Canadian Arctic 2016" project proposal from your office on May 19, 2016. The project proposal submission included the following documents:

- *NIRB Online Application*

The *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (the NuPPAA) requires that a proponent of a project (to be carried out, in whole or in part, in the designated area) submit a proposal to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) for review. The NIRB is unable to commence screening of a project proposal until it is sent to the NIRB directly by the NPC. For further information on submitting your proposal to the Commission for review, please contact the NPC directly:

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Upon receipt of a project proposal from the NPC, the NIRB will commence screening in accordance with Part 3 of the NuPPAA. At the conclusion of the screening process, the Board will issue its Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s) with jurisdictional responsibility for authorizing a project to proceed pursuant to subsection 92(1) of the NuPPAA.

The NIRB must submit its screening decision report within 45 days of receiving a project proposal from the NPC or, where there is a legal requirement for a regulatory authority to make a decision within a shorter timeframe, within a time period that would allow that requirement to be met. Please be advised that it is the Proponent's responsibility to identify and apply for all permits, licences, authorizations, or approvals required to carry out the proposed works or activities that comprise a project proposal.

Upon receipt of the project proposal from the Commission, the NIRB will undertake a preliminary check of the information provided to ensure its completeness for screening. While the NIRB may request additional information at any point during the screening process, to ensure your project proposal contains the required information it is recommended that the following accompany your project proposal:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Form in Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun*

The information as noted above should be submitted through the NIRB's online public registry at <http://www.nirb.ca>. For additional instructions regarding the new project application portal, please contact NIRB administration at info@nirb.ca or at 1-866-233-3033.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact Stephanie Taptuna, Outreach Coordinator, at (867) 983-4610 or via email at info@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Taptuna
Outreach Coordinator
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
Jonathan Savoy, Nunavut Planning Commission
Jane Chisholm, Parks Canada
Mia Pelletier, Canadian Wildlife Service
Joel Fortier, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Geoff Clark, Kitikmeot Inuit Association

Attachments: NIRB Part 1 form (English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun (for reference))