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Dear Calvin Ehloak, Lisa Pirie-Dominix, Natalie D'Souza, Caroline Whittle, Christophe Gerlach, Cory Barker, Jared Ottenhof, and Jamie Campbell:

RE: NPC File # 151058 [Roald Amundsen - Arctic Cruise 2026]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. **Primary Land Use:** Marine-based tourism
2. **Project summary description:** The MS Roald Amundsen Arctic Voyage will sail from Nome, Alaska, through the Northwest Passage, to St. John's, Newfoundland, over 53 nights in 2026. The vessel will be in Nunavut waters from August 20–29 and September 4–11. Onboard will be 500 passengers, 150 crew, and 20

Expedition Team members. The proponent intends to visit several areas, including the Prince Leopold Island and Coburg Island Migratory Bird Sanctuaries in August 2026 for short, interpretive visits (1–4 hours), including possible zodiac excursions (up to 15).

3. **Summary of modifications:** The proponent is requesting an update to the 2026 dates of operation, revising the estimated number of days on site and total person-days, updating the project description for 2026, and adding the planned locations and travel routes for the 2026 field season.
4. **Associated NPC File Nos.:** 149064, 149821, 150010, 150350, 150646; **Associated NIRB File No.:** 19TN032
5. **Location:** Kitikmeot and Qikiqtaaluk; [NW Passage]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, last conformity determination issued on February 19, 2025 which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 19TN032).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding the currently proposed activities does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=1501058>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SA' with a stylized flourish.

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