

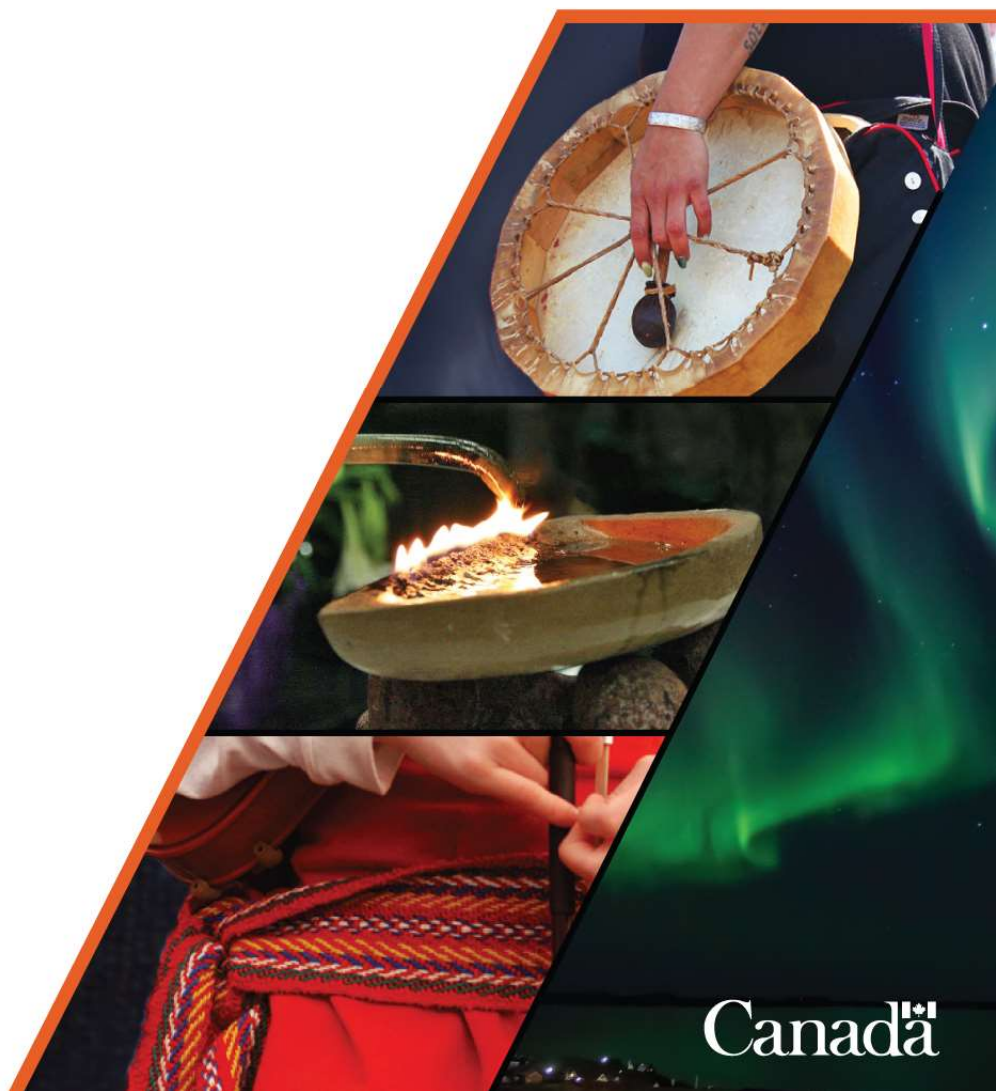


CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for F.K. Warren Ltd. “Ms
Greg Mortimer- Arctic Cruises 2022” Project
Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for F.K. Warren Ltd. “Ms. Greg Mortimer- Arctic Cruises 2022” Project Proposal

Dear Guillaume Daoust,

On June 28, 2022 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the F.K. Warren Ltd. “Ms. Greg Mortimer Arctic Cruises 2022” project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the response below as it pertains to NIRB’S request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CIRNAC 1: Vessel Route

CIRNAC notes that the Proponent has identified a route which passes through waters in the vicinity of operational mining within Nunavut. Due to the current impacts associated with the mining activities in Nunavut, CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent minimizes interaction within the areas of active mining development (e.g. Baffinland Iron mine ore transportation by ore carriers in Eclipse sound) to avoid cumulative effects on marine mammals.

CIRNAC 2: Potential for positive effects to Inuit through employment, training, and procurement opportunities

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent prioritize the employment and training of local Inuit as well as procurement with Inuit-owned businesses when implementing project



activities. Such efforts will allow for positive effects to be realized by community members and the local Inuit population. As a result, Inuit and Inuit-owned businesses situated in communities identified for guided tours should be prioritized in any project-related employment, training, and procurement opportunities that may be made available.

CIRNAC 3: Consultation with interested parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consult with the Hamlets and Hunters and Trappers Organizations in Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Resolute Bay, Taloyoak, Gjoa Haven, and Cambridge Bay. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities should include, but are not limited to:

- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Training and employment opportunities for community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local businesses, and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Courtney White by e-mail at courtney.white@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or Jalen Tagoona by email at jalen.tagoona@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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