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Dear Natalie D'Souza, Christopher Gerlach, Lisa Pirie-Dominix, Caroline Whittle, Wynter Kuliktana, Jared Ottenhof, Cassel Kapolak, and Kate Smith:

RE: NPC File No: 150346 [SYLVIA EARLE - Artic Cruise 2024]

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

1. Marine-Based Tourist Activities: Cruise vessel Sylvia Earle will conduct the same Arctic voyages in 2024 that she completed in 2023. AURORA EXPEDITIONS manages the subset of the crew (approximately 10 – 15) who are engaged as 'expedition team members' – experienced and professional guides and naturalists – who guide

and supervise our passengers on all 'off-ship' excursions (field operations), as well as providing a comprehensive educational program (lectures, presentations, interpretation, Citizen Science projects) to maximize our passenger's experience and understanding of the natural, historical and cultural values of the places we visit. This cruise season the SYLVIA EARLE will be operating 3 cruises that will transit throughout Nunavut and completing the season by crossing the Northwest Passage. The following locations will be visited: Qikiqtarjuaq, Pond Inlet, Cambridge Bay, and Ulukhaktok.

2. Associated NPC File No.: 149787, and 149986; Associated NIRB File No: 22TN039.
3. Location: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Regions; [Various locations along the Northwest passage route]

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, and conformity determinations were issued on June 3, 2022, and April 14, 2023, which still apply. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 22TN039). This project proposal is exempt from the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) under Section 235 of that Act. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that currently proposed activities do 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=150346>

This conformity determination applies only to the above-noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Agreement to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

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) 979 3444.

Sincerely,



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