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

RE: NPC File # 150601 [ms GREG MORTIMER - Arctic Cruises - 2025]

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

1. **Marine-based Activities:** small expedition cruise vessel M/V GREG MORTIMER, (132 passengers + 109 crew members +15 expedition team) run by Aurora Expeditions will transit Nunavut.

- a) In 2025, Aurora Expeditions plans to bring two vessels to the Canadian Arctic – the MV GREG MORTIMER (in Canadian Arctic in 2022) and the MV SYLVIA EARLE (in Canadian Arctic in 2023, 2024).
 - b) The GREG MORTIMER will complete two (2) commercial tourism voyages focusing on the ‘north-west’ passage between Greenland (Nuuk) and Cambridge Bay; while the SYLVIA EARLE will complete ONE commercial tourism voyage focusing on the ‘full north-west’ passage between Greenland (Nuuk) and USA (Nome).
2. **Tourism Activities:** Zodiac cruises, sea kayaking, citizen science and shore excursions which may involve guided walks/hikes, wildlife viewing, visiting historical monuments and/or observing areas of geological interest or striking scenery.
 3. Associated NPC File No.: 149787; Associated NIRB File No: 22TN039
 4. Location: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtaaluk [several communities, and islands throughout the Northwest 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 NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal (conformity determination issued June 3, 2022), which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 22TN039). It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that 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=150601>

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,



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