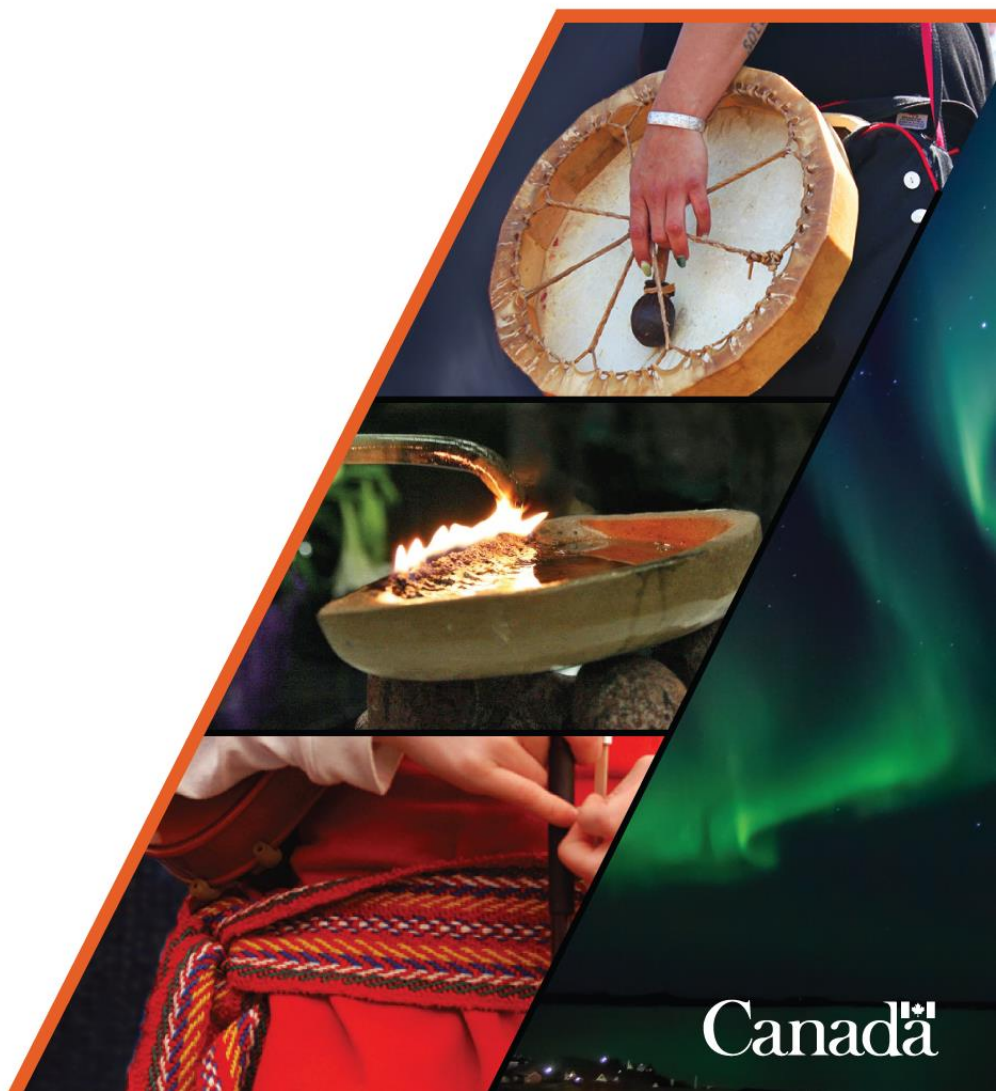




# CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for F.K. Warren Ltd.'s "Ocean Nova 2023 – Arctic Cruises" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for F.K. Warren Ltd.'s "Ocean Nova 2023 – Arctic Cruises" Project Proposal**

Dear Keith Morrison,

On August 23, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on F.K. Warren Ltd.'s "Ocean Nova 2023 – Arctic Cruises" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

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

**CIRNAC #1: Fuel and Oil Spill Mitigation Measures**

The Proponent indicated that zodiacs will be fueled onboard its cruise ship to limit pollution, and that an oil spill could potentially affect marine wildlife. CIRNAC appreciates the effort the Proponent has made in implementing a strategy to minimize pollution resulting from fueling its zodiacs, but notes that the Proponent did not indicate how it would respond to potential fuel and oil spills. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent indicate which measures it will take in dealing with potential fuel and oil spills and minimizing negative impacts on receiving marine environments.

CIRNAC recommends some measures to consider include, but are not limited to:

- Using drip pans or other equivalent devices when refueling; and
- Having spill kits readily available on the cruise ship to clean spills onboard.

**CIRNAC #2: Waste Classification and Management Practices**

The Proponent indicated in its application to the Nunavut Planning Commission that combustible, non-combustible, and hazardous waste, as well as greywater and sewage, will be retained onboard its vessel, and that the quantity generated varies.



CIRNAC notes that the Proponent did not provide estimated quantities of its waste products, or a description of the anticipated hazardous waste that will be generated. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent provides:

- Estimated quantities of waste (i.e., combustible, non-combustible, hazardous, greywater, and sewage);
- A description of the anticipated hazardous waste resulting from tourism activities; and
- Measures it will implement to ensure its hazardous waste products are handled, and disposed of in a manner that minimizes negative environmental impacts.

### **CIRNAC #3: Consultation with Interested Parties**

CIRNAC appreciates the effort the Proponent has made in contacting Inukpak Outfitting in Iqaluit, Hamlets of Pond Inlet and Qikiqtarjuaq, and acknowledges its commitment to working with communities to develop a program for passengers about local culture.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent:

- Continues consulting with relevant interested Inuit, hamlets, and community organizations in Pond Inlet, Qikiqtarjuaq, and Iqaluit;
- Considers consulting with other relevant interested Inuit, hamlets, and community organizations, such as those in Clyde River, Pangnirtung, and Kimmirut, if it conducts tourism activities within or near these communities;
- Considers contacting all licensed outfitters, prioritizing Inuit-owned outfitters (e.g., Polar Outfitting, Tikippugut Inc., Peter's Expediting & Outfitting Services, Nunavut Experience Outfitting), if it intends to establish partnerships for excursions; and
- Considers engaging with affected, adjacent, transboundary Indigenous groups who may have an interest in the project.

As part of any consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including, but not limited to:

- Incorporation of 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;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent disturbance to sites with cultural, archaeological, and/or environmental significance;
- Training and employment opportunities for Inuit and community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local and Inuit-owned 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 John MacInnis by e-mail at [john.macinnis@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:john.macinnis@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca).

Sincerely,



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