



COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

Project Proposal Title: <u>Early Career Training Cruise</u>	
Proponent: <u>Oregon State University</u>	
Location: <u>Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Regions</u>	
Comments Due By: <u>June 25, 2024</u>	NIRB #: <u>24YN020</u>

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

<input type="checkbox"/> no concerns	<input type="checkbox"/> traditional uses of land
<input type="checkbox"/> water quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Inuit harvesting activities
<input type="checkbox"/> terrain	<input type="checkbox"/> community involvement and consultation
<input type="checkbox"/> air quality	<input type="checkbox"/> local development in the area
<input type="checkbox"/> wildlife and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> tourism in the area
<input type="checkbox"/> marine mammals and their habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> human health issues
<input type="checkbox"/> birds and their habitat	X other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fish and their habitat	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> heritage resources in area	_____

Please describe the concerns indicated above:

Information from Transport Canada's Marine Safety and Security group and Indigenous Relations Unit is provided in the next section.

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?

Marine Safety and Security

Certain vessels operating in the Canadian Arctic are required to comply with applicable Canadian legislation. Pursuant to international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, States must ensure that vessels entitled to sovereign immunity act in a manner consistent, so far as is reasonable and practicable, with the Convention. As such, vessels entitled to sovereign immunity are requested to voluntarily comply with Canadian safety and environmental protection requirements. Please note that Healey (United States Coast Guard) is a sovereign immune vessel.

Transport Canada refers the vessel to the following websites for more information on these and other measures found in Canadian legislation:

- 1) Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act: <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-12/>
- 2) Arctic Shipping Safety and Pollution Prevention Regulations: <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2017-286/index.html>



- 3) Northern Canada Vessel Traffic Services Zone Regulations: <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2010-127/>

Indigenous Relations Unit


The Canadian Arctic is governed under a ‘joint-management model’ whereby a variety of federal, provincial, and territorial government departments and agencies, along with Indigenous and local communities and regulatory boards play separate and important roles. Vessels navigating waterways in the Canadian Arctic are subject to comprehensive Land Claims Agreements and the operator must seek the proper permissions prior from all relevant authorities. Transport Canada recommends operators contact Territorial Land Claim Administrators to ensure the proper procedures are followed prior to arrival. Most Canadian Arctic communities welcome visitors, provided they are contacted well-in-advance and have a chance to prepare for visitors. Community members enjoy the opportunity to share their hospitality, culture and knowledge of the Arctic. Many Arctic communities still involves traditional activities; hunting, fishing and eating ‘country foods’. It is therefore important that visitors be respectful and culturally sensitive of these activities.

Do you support the project proposal? Yes ☐ No ☐ Any additional comments?

Not applicable

Name of person commenting: Jackie Barker **of** Transport Canada

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Signature:  **Date:** June 13/24