



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 24TN051

Project Name: The “Norwegian Tall Ship Through Northwest Passage and the Nunavut Region in 2025” project

Proponent Name: Foundation Statsraad Lehmkuhl

Project Type: Tourism Region: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Regions

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 126009

Comment Deadline: **February 10, 2025**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Norwegian Tall Ship Through Northwest Passage and the Nunavut Region in 2025” project is located within the Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani regions, approximately in the communities of Pond Inlet, Gjoa Haven, and Cambridge Bay. The Proponent intends to conduct research about the ocean, share knowledge about the crucial role of the ocean, and identify the challenges that local Arctic people face as a result of the climate-driven changes. The program is proposed to take place from August to September 2025. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Sail through the Northwest Passage on a tall ship
- Conduct interviews with some local communities
- Collect samples from the seafloor
- Collect information about the occurrence of marine mammals, the ocean current, weather patterns, ocean temperatures, and ocean light conditions

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **24TN051** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Robby Qammaniq, Impact Assessment Officer toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or rquammaniq@nirb.ca.