



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Foundation Statsraad
Lehmkuhl's "Norwegian Tall Ship Through Northwest
Passage and the Nunavut Region in 2025" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Foundation Statsraad Lehmkuhl's "Norwegian Tall Ship Through Northwest Passage and the Nunavut Region in 2025" Project Proposal

Dear Robby Qammaniq,

On January 20, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Foundation Statsraad Lehmkuhl's "Norwegian Tall Ship Through Northwest Passage and the Nunavut Region in 2025" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) has reviewed the proposal and offers the responses below pertaining to the NIRB's request:

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

CIRNAC 1: Consultation with Interest Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consult with the municipalities and Hunters and Trappers Associations of Pond Inlet, Resolute Bay, Gjoa Haven, and Cambridge Bay, the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board, Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board, as well as any other relevant organizations and individuals regarding its project proposal. 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 disturbance to wildlife (including marine mammals) and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional harvesting activities within or in close proximity to the planned voyage route;
- 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 2: Management Practices Designed to Prevent Disturbance to Wildlife

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent adhere to applicable regulatory requirements and accepted practices to prevent and/or mitigate any potential disturbances to wildlife that may result from project activities. Meaningful efforts should be made to work with interested stakeholders, regional wildlife management boards, municipalities, and Hunters and Trappers Associations, to ensure acceptable management practices are applied. In particular, efforts should be made to operate watercraft in a manner that prevents any negative impacts to marine wildlife from sensory disturbances (visual and sound).

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments. Should you have any questions, please contact David Abernethy by e-mail at david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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