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Subject: App#126011 Visiting the Spicer Islands of Foxe Basin NIRB File 24YN056
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Good Day Zachary Michael Frohman,

Your project proposal No. 126011 has been received by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) through the Public Registry System.

Procedural clarification

Upon initial review of the application, the Board provides procedural clarity regarding the work or activity that was identified in the application:

- Any activity within the meaning of the **Wildlife Observation Licence** issued by the Government of Nunavut Department of Environment under the Wildlife Act, S.Nu. 2003, c.26 is **exempt from screening by the Board** under the [Exemption Agreement pursuant to Schedule 12-1 \(Item 7\) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement](#) and under Schedule 3 (Item 4) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA).
- Any activity within the meaning of the **Class 1 Permit** issued by the Government of Nunavut **Department of Culture and Heritage** is **exempt from screening by the Board** under the [Exemption Agreement pursuant to Schedule 12-1 \(Item 7\) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement](#) and under Schedule 3 (Item 3) of the NuPPAA.

Acknowledging the Commission's conformity determination regarding the proposed project, the following work or activities is not exempt from screening in accordance with s.78(2) of the NuPPAA:

- use of water or deposit of waste without a licence requiring approval from the Nunavut Water Board. Pending further information on the proposed project, exemption may apply pursuant to Schedule 12-1 (Item 5) of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*.
- proposed scientific research activities requiring authorization from the Nunavut Research Institute.

In the case where the project is not exempt from screening under s.85 of NuPPAA, the Board seeks clarity on project works and activities for this application to move forward, such information is necessary to determine the completeness of the application.

Completeness check of the application as submitted to date

Please provide answers to the following questions to your best knowledge.

1. What is the full duration for the carrying out of activities in the Nunavut Settlement Area,

including sailing the entire route for tourist activities? Please identify if the sailing route is outside the Nunavut Settlement Area.

2. Where will the sampling of rocks and sediments be conducted? For example, will sediments be taken from inland lakes or offshore?
3. What is *sediment* for the purpose of this application? What tools will be used for taking sediment samples? Typical sediment sampling tools, like Ekman Dredge or Bottom Dredge, are not identified in the equipment list.
4. Does photographing and filming use unmanned drones? If answer is affirmative,
 - a. Is it used in wildlife observation and/or recording artifacts of archaeological interest?
 - b. Please describe the equipment that will be used, flight altitude, wildlife considerations including migratory birds.
5. Will there be deposition of waste, including wastewater? If so, please describe method of treatment or containment, location and what kind of waste. The Proponent must contact the Nunavut Water Board to determine if a licence is required for the deposit of waste.
6. Has the proponent engaged meaningfully with potentially affected communities? Please provide records of engagement, summaries of identified or resolved issues, and plans for future engagement.

I am the file lead on this application. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me by replying to this email.

Thank you | Koana,

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Book time to meet with me