



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:	Hanseatic Nature – Arctic Cruise 2025		
Proponent:	F.K. Warren Ltd.		
Location:	Kivalliq and Qikiqtani (North and South) Baffin Regions		
Comments Due By:	May 9, 2025	NIRB #:	25TN015

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:

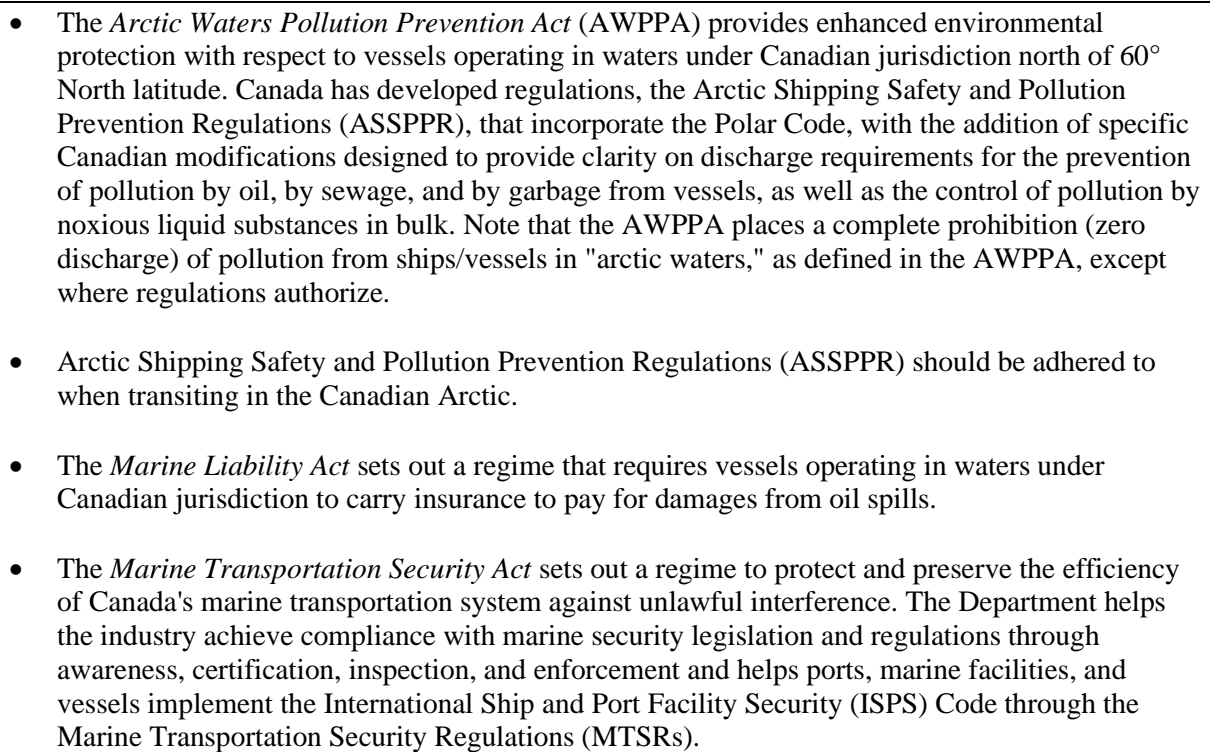
Information from Transport Canada's Marine Safety and Security group and Indigenous Relations Unit is provided in the next section.

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?

Marine Safety and Security

In the Arctic, the *Canada Shipping Act 2001*, the *Marine Liability Act*, the *Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act*, the *Arctic Shipping Safety and Pollution Prevention Regulations* and the *Marine Transportation Security Act* combine to provide Canada's operational regulatory regime governing marine safety, security, and environmental protection matters, as detailed below:

- The *Canada Shipping Act, 2001* (CSA) provides an overall regime to protect the safety and the environment for vessels operating in waters under Canadian jurisdiction. Its regulations include requirements for a vessel's construction, management of ballast water, pollution control, arrangements for emergency response, and crew qualifications. Pollution response and prevention measures apply with respect to vessels in Canadian waters or waters in the exclusive economic zone of Canada.



Additional Information and Links

- Vessels need to comply with Northern Canada Vessel Traffic Services Zone Regulations <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2010-127/page-1.html> ; <https://e-navigation.canada.ca/topics/traffic/cvms/nordreg-en>. For any further questions about these regulations, please email NORDREG at IqaNordreg@innav.gc.ca .
- Transport Canada has committed to improving awareness of cruise ship operators and has developed cruise ship guidelines that are intended to provide information on the requirements of Federal and Territorial government agencies during the planning phase of cruises and the subsequent Arctic voyages. Information provided by several non-governmental organizations has also been included. <https://tc.canada.ca/sites/default/files/migrated/tp13670e.pdf> .
- Mariners are advised that the Polar Code, incorporated in the Arctic Shipping Safety and Pollution Prevention Regulations (ASSPPR) (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2017-286/index.html>) contains specific requirements for protecting the marine environment and




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 practice traditional activities; hunting, fishing and eating “country foods”. It is therefore important that visitors be respectful and culturally sensitive to these activities.

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

Transport Canada has no position on the merits of the project.

Name of person commenting: Jackie Barker **of** Winnipeg

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Signature:  **Date:** May 7, 2025