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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Lisa Pirie, Maryse Mahy, Jared Ottenhof, Wynter Kuliktana, Caroline Whittle, Carson Gillis, and Estelle Blet:

RE: NPC File No. 150785 [Protecting the Arctic Legacy Expedition]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. NEW marine-based tourism activities: the yacht Glacial Bear will transit the Northwest Passage and subject to favourable conditions, conduct brief stops for tender operations and shore excursions primarily for wildlife observation and to enhance visitor experience of the Arctic.
 - a. Stops are anticipated to be short, typically several hours

- b. Wildlife observation
- c. Occasional fishing where permitted
- 2. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. 27 days over period 15 July to 30 September 2025
 - b. 15 personnel for a total of 405 person-days over course of project
- 3. Location: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Regions (North Baffin Planning Region) and Transboundary; [Anchorages at Pond Inlet, Resolute Bay, and Cambridge Bay, as well as stops along the Northwest Passage at three protected areas listed below]
 - a. Potential landings or tender cruises at:
 - i. Wollaston Islands
 - ii. Croker Bay/Dundas Harbour
 - iii. Cumin Inlet, Graham Harbor
 - iv. Beechey Island, Port Leopold
 - v. Batty Bay
 - vi. Furry Beach
 - vii. Creswell Bay
 - viii. Fort Ross and Bellot Strait
 - ix. Coningham Bay
 - x. Stormless Bay
 - xi. Coronation Gulf
 - xii. Dolphin Strait
 - b. Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary: Landings at
 - i. Uliqqajaat Bay
 - ii. Kangiqqimajuk Bay
 - iii. Bathurst Bay
 - iv. Cape Hay
 - v. West Bay
 - vi. Tay Bay
 - c. Polar Bear Pass National Wildlife Area: Landings at
 - i. Good Sir Bay
 - ii. Brooman Point
 - d. Cape Parry Migratory Bird Sanctuary: No landing, but cruising through
 - i. West Point
 - ii. Central Point
 - iii. East Point

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal and has determined that it conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendices C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150727>.

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above-noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits, and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits, and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the *NuPPAA*.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address or telephone number below.

Sincerely,



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