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Sebastian Charge
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Sent via email: sebastian@adventurecanada.com

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request

Dear Sebastian Charge:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Adventure Canada’s “Adventure Canada 2026 Expeditions – Ocean Nova” project proposal:

- August 28, 2025, the Nunavut Planning Commission noted that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan, and
- September 9, 2025, the NIRB received a complete application and assigned it file number **25TN072** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

The NIRB has commenced screening the project proposal pursuant to the *Nunavut Agreement* and *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*¹ and by copy of this letter, **invites interested parties and municipalities potentially affected by the proposal to comment directly to the Nunavut Impact Review Board.**

SCOPE OF PROPOSED PROJECT

Location	Qikiqtani (South Baffin) region. Voyage 1: Kinngait, Hudson Strait, Kimmirut, Resolution Island, Frobisher Bay, Sir Charles Francis Hall Bay, and Iqaluit <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Transboundary: Davis Strait, Killiniq, Akpaktok Island in Ungava Bay, Ungava Peninsula, Douglas Harbour, Salluit, Digges Islands, and Cape Wolstenholme
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¹ Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA)

	Voyage 2: Iqaluit, Frobisher Bay, Lady Fraklin Island, Butterfly Bay, Cumberland Sound, Kerketen Island, Pangnirtung, Cumberland Peninsula, Hoare Bay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transboundary: David Strait, Western Greenland, Ilulissat, Sisimiut Coast, Kangerlussuaq
Objective	The Proponent intends to conduct vessel-based tourism activities that would provide passengers with opportunities to engage sightseeing, zodiac cruising, wildlife watching, shore landings for guided interpretive walks, and organized community visits.
Timeline	13 days between July 10 th and October 1 st , 2026

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Sail to Nunavut on the cruise ship *Ocean Nova* with a maximum of 74 passengers and 13 crew members;
- Use of up to eight (8) zodiacs to facilitate shore landings, wildlife observations, guided hikes and excursions at:
 - Hudson Strait, Resolution Island, Frobisher Bay, Sir Charles Francis Hall Bay, Davis Strait, Killiniq, Akpaktok Island in Ungava Bay, Ungava Peninsula, Douglas Harbour, Digges Islands, Cape Wolstenholme, Lady Fraklin Island, Butterfly Bay, Cumberland Sound, Kerketen Island, Cumberland Peninsula, and Hoare Bay.
 - Community visits at Iqaluit, Kinngait, Kimmirut, and Pangnirtung
- Use of ten (10) sea kayaks for tourist excursions;
- Use of fuel onboard for zodiacs; and
- Management and treatment of sewage, greywater, and non-combustible and combustible wastes on board the cruise vessel according to Canadian legislation.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

The NIRB has identified

- no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Documents received and describing the proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/126232 including:

- *Commission Conformity Determination and Application*
- *NIRB Application*
- *2022 Vessel Technical Data Sheet*
- *Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate*
- *SOPEP Manual*

The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

By copy of this letter, the NIRB is inviting interested parties and municipalities potentially affected by the project proposal to comment directly to the NIRB by **November 11, 2025**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/126232. Questions should be directed to the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or mbeattie@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (6): Public Notice of Screening (English, French and Inuktitut)
Comment Forms (English, French and Inuktitut)

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