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Cambridge Bay, NU X0B 0C0
Sent via email: info@nirb.ca

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Re: NIRB File No. 25TN071: KitIA comments regarding Adventure Canada’s “Adventure Canada 2026 Expeditions – Ocean Victory” Project Proposal

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To the Nunavut Impact Review Board,

Cambridge Bay
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The Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide comments on Adventure Canada’s “Adventure Canada 2026 Expeditions – Ocean Victory” Project Proposal. Please see the following comments from KitIA on the proposal at this time.

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• **Timing and Wildlife Sensitivities**

KIA acknowledges the project’s operations from July to October 2026. KitIA appreciates their commitment to Regulation and Best Practices and encourages Adventure Canada Crew and participants to remain mindful of local wildlife sensitivity periods, including bird nesting and caribou calving, when finalizing travel dates and when traveling for onshore visits within the Kitikmeot Region.

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• **Shipping Operations**

KitIA values the long-term experience of the expedition cruise operators and staff and appreciates Adventure Canada’s work in keeping their onshore visits within the Kitikmeot Region mindful and respectful of the environment and animals. This expectation also extends to local boat operators that may be on the water, and wildlife such as seals, whales, fish, walrus, and polar bears.

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• KitIA expects that all waste, fuel containers, and temporary infrastructure should be removed from the site at the end of each site visit. KIA encourages adherence to “leave-no-trace” principles and recommends that all food, waste, and other potential wildlife attractants be securely stored in sealed, animal-resistant containers to minimize the risk of wildlife interactions.

• **Coordination with Local Organizations**

Engagement with the local HTO’s and community members is expected, and KitIA



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encourages continued communication with all local HTO's and community members such as Kugluktuk's Angoniatit Hunters and Trappers Organization, and Cambridge Bay's Ikaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization, to share plans and gather local insight—especially regarding land use, wildlife observations, or cultural areas that the Expedition participants will be visiting.

- **Inuit Employment and Capacity Building**

KitIA understands that Adventure Canada hires Nunavut Beneficiaries to be onboard the vessel and also encourages hiring local Inuit Beneficiary support from the communities that they will be visiting.

- **Inclusion of Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit (IQ)**

KIA supports efforts to incorporate Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit (IQ) into their expeditions. This may include use of Inuinnagtun place names, observations of wildlife and land conditions from Elders and harvesters, and consideration of community priorities when visiting local areas within the Kitikmeot Region.

If you have any question regarding the attached submission, please contact the undersigned directly at jamagoalik@kitia.ca

Regards,

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