



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 25TN072**

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To: Eva Walker
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Re: **Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Adventure Canada’s “Adventure Canada 2026 Expeditions – Ocean Nova” Project Proposal, Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region**

Dear Eva Walker:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board’s (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Ministers Julie Dabrusin and Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Environment and Climate and Minister of Transport for Adventure Canada’s “Adventure Canada 2026 Expeditions – Ocean Nova” in the Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region, dated January 13, 2026.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Ministers that **a review of the project is not required** in accordance with s. 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Ministers.

In the absence of a response from the Ministers, regulatory authorities should take note of s. 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: “A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed.” Contravention of s. 75(1) of the *NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact the undersigned at (867)983-5627 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 25TN072 (January 13, 2026)

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