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TO: Nunavut Impact Review Board

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To Whom it May Concern:

RE: NIRB PROJECT FILE 126440 – MY MAVERICK NORTHWEST PASSAGE TRANSIT 2026

The Taloyoak Umarulirigut Association (TUA) represents the hunters and trappers of Taloyoak, Nunavut. Our community has been stewards of the Boothia Peninsula and its surrounding marine waters for generations and we submit these comments in that capacity. We recognize that well-managed tourism can benefit communities like ours and we are willing to engage constructively with the proponent with that goal in mind.

Areas of Concerns

The proposed route passes through three areas of critical importance to our community: Bellot Strait, a key migratory corridor for belugas, narwhal, and ringed seal; Cunningham Bay, a significant beluga summering and nursery habitat; and Pasley Bay, critical habitat for marine mammals and an active hunting area. These areas are also rich in heritage sites that still hold cultural value to our community. TUA wishes to work with the proponent to develop practical operation measures for these sensitive areas — including transit timing, vessel speed, Zodiac protocols, and buffer zones — that enable responsible tourism while protecting wildlife and Inuit harvesting.

We also note that the Boothia Peninsula and the surrounding waters are the subject of an active Inuit-led conservation initiative with the objective of establishing the [Aqviqtuug Inuit Protected and Conserved Area \(IPCA\)](#). We see tourism and conservation as complementary when Inuit are genuine partners in the operation.

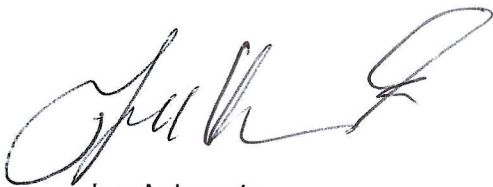
Requests

TUA respectfully requests that NIRB: (1) facilitate documented community consultation by the proponent prior to any decisions; (2) include conditions requiring wildlife protocols for these sensitive habitats, developed collaboratively with TUA; (3)

require a detailed report of wildlife sightings by proponent to assist in our monitoring and conservation efforts as part of the proposed IPCA; and (4) include conditions of approval requiring the proponent not to disturb heritage sites along the route. TUA holds a report identifying heritage site locations and is available upon request.

TUA is available to meet with the proponent and looks forward to a productive process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Ashevak', written in a cursive style.

Joe Ashevak

Chair, Taloyoak Umarulirigut Association