



NIRB File No. 08AN072

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Hapag-Lloyd Kreuzfahrten
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c/o Baerbel Kraemer
Ship Operation/Environmental Officer

Via email: baerbel.kraemer@hlkf.de

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Hapag-Lloyd Kreuzfahrten's "Hanseatic Cruise Vessel" project proposal

Dear Baerbel Kraemer:

On April 27, 2007 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Hapag-Lloyd Kreuzfahrten's "Hanseatic Cruise Vessel" project proposal from Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS). On July 8, 2008 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file. NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 08AN072.

The proposed project is a cruise ship voyage in Nunavut's waters during the summer of 2008. Wildlife viewing is proposed in the waters off Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary and Nirjutiqavvik (Coburg Island) National Wildlife Area. There are also landings proposed in the communities of Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay and Cambridge Bay.

The proposed project activities include:

- Cruise ship voyage in Nunavut's waters;
 - Ice-strengthened passenger ship the *MV Hanseatic*, with capacity 200 passengers/crew
- Wildlife viewing using zodiacs in the waters adjacent to the Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary and Nirjutiqavvik (Coburg Island) National Wildlife Area;
- Landings in the communities of Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay and Cambridge Bay
 - Guided tours arranged within each community

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at <http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/> including:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in Inuktitut*
- *NPC Conformity Determination*
- *CWS Permit Application*

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), NIRB shall proceed to screen the subject project proposal. NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

Be advised that NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by your project proposal. Interested persons are encouraged to comment directly to the NIRB by **July 18, 2008**.

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 and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please note that proposed project-specific terms and conditions, should the project proceed, have been attached for consideration and comment (**Appendix A**).

Please send your comments to the attention of NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette via email at lpayette@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the NIRB's Technical Advisor, Ryan Barry at (867) 983-4608 or rbarry@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Ryan Barry - Technical Advisor
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Distribution List
Siu-Ling Han – CWS (siu-ling.han@ec.gc.ca)

Attachments: Comment Form

APPENDIX A: Proposed Project-Specific Terms and Conditions

General

1. Hapag-Lloyd Kreuzfahrten (the Proponent) shall maintain a copy of the Project Terms and Conditions at the site of operation at all times.
2. The Proponent shall forward copies of all permits obtained and required for this project to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) prior to the commencement of the project.
3. The NIRB shall be notified of any changes in operating plans or conditions associated with the project prior to any such change.
4. The Proponent shall operate in accordance with all commitments stated in correspondence provided to the NIRB (NIRB Part 1 Form, dated April 26, 2007) and the Canadian Wildlife Service (Application for CWS permit).
5. The Proponent shall operate the site in accordance with all applicable Acts, Regulations and Guidelines.

Waste

6. The Proponent shall not deposit, nor permit the deposit of any fuel, chemicals, wastes or sediment into any water body.
7. The Proponent shall not dispose of any waste on sea-ice or offshore. The Proponent shall ensure that all wastes are disposed of at an approved on-shore waste management facility. It is strongly recommended that the Proponent seek permission to use approved waste management facilities located in Nunavut communities well in advance of conducting project activities.

Fuel Use and Storage

8. The Proponent shall report all spills of fuel, or other deleterious materials immediately to the 24 hour Spill Line at (867) 920-8130.

Wildlife

9. The Proponent shall ensure that all passengers (clients and staff) are aware of the Proponent's responsibilities and requirements regarding wildlife and wildlife habitat protection. This is to include proper wildlife viewing techniques and safety practices.
10. The Proponent shall ensure that there is no damage to wildlife habitat in conducting this operation.
11. The Proponent shall ensure that there is minimal disturbance to any nesting birds and wildlife while conducting activities on land. Harassment of wildlife is prohibited. This includes persistently worrying or chasing animals, or disturbing large groups of animals. Deliberate feeding of any wildlife is also prohibited.
12. The Proponent shall ensure that there is minimal disturbance to any nesting birds, migratory birds and wildlife in the area.
13. The Proponent shall follow procedures outlined in the "Safety in Bear Country Manual", and should contact the Regional Biologist or the Wildlife manager for information and advice on measures which should be taken to minimize the possibility of conflicts/interactions with bears.
14. The Proponent shall not hunt or fish, unless proper Nunavut authorizations have been acquired.
15. The Proponent shall ensure that no project activities interfere with Inuit wildlife harvesting or traditional land use activities.
16. When approaching/departing concentrations of marine wildlife with the cruise ship or zodiacs, the Proponent shall enforce a gradual reduction/increase in vessel speed to ensure minimum disturbance to wildlife. For purposes of wildlife viewing, vessels are to be slowed to 5 knots within 400 m of marine wildlife, and are to maintain a minimum distance of 100 m away from wildlife at all times.
17. While on the cruise ship or zodiacs, the Proponent shall limit viewing time of each concentration of marine mammals to a maximum of 30 minutes in order to minimize disturbance.

18. The Proponent shall ensure that when vessels are approaching marine mammals, an indirect angle that provides for maximum visibility for the animals is used. Whales are to be approached from the side only.
19. The Proponent shall not pursue marine wildlife which attempts to avoid the cruise ship or zodiacs.
20. The Proponent shall not attempt to intersect or interfere with the movements of marine mammals. Strategic positioning of vessels ahead of the path being traveled by mobile whales and waiting for the whales to pass is also prohibited.
21. The Proponent shall ensure that visitation of cliffs used for nesting and breeding birds is restricted to zodiacs only, and then only during morning and early afternoon hours. Noise should be kept to a minimum when visiting these bird colonies.

Other

The Proponent is strongly advised to provide sufficient advance notice to communities where a landing is planned as part of project activities.