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Migratory Bird Sanctuary
Permit for

NUN-MBS-16-07
Permit no.

Nunavut
province(s), territories

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Issued under section

Name and address

Migratory Bird Sanctuary Regulations

Lindblad Expeditions
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Permittee

For the Minister

Date of issue : July 1, 2016

Date of expiry: September 15, 2016

Period of validity: August 1 – September 15, 2016

1. The Permittee is authorized to enter the following Migratory Bird Sanctuaries with the *National Geographic Explorer*¹ cruise vessel:

- Prince Leopold Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary
- Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary

2. The Permittee shall comply with the marine setback recommendations submitted to the Nunavut Land Use Plan (NLUP) by Environment Canada, including maintaining a minimum 500 m setback distance for cruise ships from seabird colonies when birds are present and 100 m setback distance for small launch vessels (zodiacs and kayaks).

In addition, the Permittee shall follow Environment Canada's *Guidelines to Avoid Disturbance to Seabird and Waterbird Colonies in Canada*, as follows:

- Only approach sea-level seabird or waterbird colonies as close as 300m in smaller vessels (zodiacs, kayaks, canoes) or as close as 100m with small vessels for cliff-nesting seabirds.

¹ Vessel owned by Lindblad Expeditions LLC; vessel captained by Leif Skog ; expedition leader: Lisa Kelley.

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- Travel at steady speeds when close to waterbird colonies, moving parallel to the shore rather than approaching the colony directly.
 - Avoid sharp or loud noises (e.g. sounding the ship's horn) while within the Sanctuary.
 - Do not pursue seabirds or waterbirds swimming on the water surface, and avoid concentrations of these birds on the water.
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GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The permit is not valid unless signed by the Permittee (holder) or authorized representative, in the space designated as "Permittee".
2. By signing this document you bind yourself to respect all terms and conditions of this permit.
3. The Permittee must comply with all other applicable Canadian laws and regulations.
4. Copy of signed permit must be carried by Nominees and Permittee when conducting this work and will be presented if asked by Police or Game Officer.
5. The Permittee shall display a copy of this permit in a conspicuous place when conducting permitted activities within the Migratory Bird Sanctuaries.
6. The conditions of this permit apply to all employees, agents, contractors, volunteers, and visitors of the Permittee.
7. The Permittee shall ensure that a copy of this Permit, operating conditions and definitions is provided, understood and adhered to by all contractors and sub-contractors prior to the start-up of the permitted activity
8. Additional restrictions may be required and may be added to this permit by the Minister if it is deemed necessary to ensure compliance with the Migratory Birds Convention Act and the Migratory Bird Sanctuary Regulations.
9. Issuance of this permit does not supersede the necessity or legal requirement to acquire any other pertinent Territorial or Municipal license and or permit which may otherwise be applicable. This permit is not transferable to any other person(s) or organization(s) and is not valid if altered in any way.
10. Only activities described in this permit are authorized. If the Permittee proposes to conduct activities not described in this authorization, they must contact CWS.
11. The Permittee is authorized to possess firearms in within the marine boundaries of Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary and in Prince Leopold Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary for protection from dangerous wildlife only.
12. This permit may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the Minister.
13. Conditions of the Nunavut Impact Review Board screening decision report (NIRB #13AN020) are considered to be a part of the conditions of this permit.
14. The Permittee shall review the recommendations set out by the Area Co-management Committee for Bylot Island and Prince Leopold Island Migratory Bird Sanctuaries (Appendix), and is invited to follow these recommendations.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. OPERATIONS – PROTECTION OF TERRESTRIAL HABITAT

1. The Permittee shall not move any equipment or vehicles unless the ground is in a state capable of fully supporting the equipment or vehicles without rutting or gouging.

2. OPERATIONS – WILDLIFE DISTURBANCE AND INTERACTION

1. The Permittee shall not feed wildlife or attempt to attract wildlife.

3. FUEL STORAGE AND HANDLING

1. The Permittee shall not allow oil, oil wastes or any other substance harmful to migratory birds to be deposited in waters or other areas frequented by migratory birds, or in a place from which the substances may enter waters frequented by migratory birds.

4. GARBAGE AND WASTE WATER HANDLING AND REMOVAL

1. The Permittee shall ensure that all domestic garbage and other wildlife attractants are inaccessible to wildlife at all times.
2. The Permittee shall regularly collect all waste, debris and domestic garbage and dispose of it using appropriate technology and accepted practices.
3. All garbage and debris must be removed from the Sanctuary.

5. CLEAN-UP AND RESTORATION

1. Regardless of the expiry date of the permit, the Permittee will be responsible for the cost of the clean up or restoration of habitat.
2. The Permittee shall restore the surface of all altered habitat to a condition as close as possible to its natural state and to the satisfaction of the Minister, in writing.
3. The Permittee shall be responsible for the full cost of remediation of all altered habitat to its natural state and to the satisfaction of the Minister, in writing.

6. REPORTING

The Permittee shall submit a report to the Canadian Wildlife Service and the Wildlife Enforcement Division at CWSPermittingNunavut@ec.gc.ca by December 31, 2016. The report shall include the date and duration of the Permittee's visit to the Migratory Bird Sanctuary and a summary of activities within the Sanctuary. Additional details that may be included in the report include:

- i. The number and species of wildlife observed while in the Sanctuary.
- ii. A description of travel routes (or GPS tracks) of routes taken within the Sanctuary.
- iii. If archaeological sites were discovered within a Sanctuary, a photograph of the archeological site(s) and the GPS location of the site(s).
- iv. Information requested by the Area Co-Management Committees for Bylot Island and Prince Leopold Island Migratory Bird Sanctuaries (Appendix).

7. NOTIFICATION OF ENTRY

Command of the vessel is to notify the Canadian Wildlife Service and Wildlife Enforcement Division 72 hours and 48 hours prior to entering Bylot Island and Prince Leopold Island Migratory Bird Sanctuaries. Contact Quentin Deering at (867)-669-4761 (Quentin.Deering@ec.gc.ca) or Steve Allan at (867) 669-4788 (Steve.Allan@ec.gc.ca).

DEFINITIONS

Manager: Manager, Northern Conservation Section, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada or his/her designate.

Minister: The Minister of the Environment.

Permittee: The party to whom a CWS Sanctuary Permit is issued for conducting activities in a migratory bird sanctuary.

Waterbody: Any river, stream, creek, lake, or pond.

Sub-permit holder and/or nominee(s): Vessel captain Leif Skog and Expedition leader Lisa Kelley.

I declare that I have read and understand this Permit, including all the conditions attached.


Signature of Permittee Leif Skog Lisa Kelley


Date and Location of Signing 7/20/16 Seattle

APPENDIX – APMC RECOMMENDATIONS

Asungasungaaq Area Co-management Committee (A-APMC) Recommendations for the Bylot Island MBS

- The A-APMC recommends that an Inuit guide, preferably from the Pond Inlet area, is hired to work on the ship during the time of the visit to the Bylot Island MBS.
- The A-APMC recommends that, in the event of a polar bear defense kill, the cruise ship leader immediately contact the local game officer and the Hunters and Trappers Association. The APMC prefers to have a skilled hunter present to ensure that the bear is properly skinned and preserved.
- In addition to adhering to the setback distances for seabirds, the A-APMC requests that permit holders adhere to the Fisheries and Oceans *Marine Wildlife Guidelines for Boaters, Paddlers and Viewers* when viewing marine mammals, including maintaining a 100m distance from whales at all times, and that ship noise is kept to a minimum (i.e. refrain from sounding the ship's horn) while within the MBS.
- The A-APMC is concerned with increased vessel activity in the inlets around Bylot Island MBS. The A-APMC requests that cruise ships avoid the following inlets during the summer months: Navy Board Inlet, Milne Inlet and Tremblay Inlet, as these areas are important Inuit summer hunting grounds. Numerous cruise ship vessels in the area at the same time may disturb wildlife that are targeted by hunters and may result in wildlife moving elsewhere. Ships are requested to travel around the east and north of Bylot Island when continuing onwards to other destinations.
- The A-APMC asks that cruise ship staff ensure that passengers do not remove anything (ecological or otherwise) should they go ashore.
- The A-APMC requests that ships are put into neutral if they happen upon any marine mammals until the animal has moved on.
- The A-APMC is interested in activities that occur within the Bylot Island MBS and requests a copy of your annual permit report, in English and Inuktitut.
- The A-APMC recommends that the Hunters and Trappers Association in Pond Inlet be contacted to advise them of your visit if you have not already been in contact.
- The A-APMC requests a list of wildlife sightings (along with geographical coordinates, if available) from your visit to Bylot Island MBS to assist include in the APMC's ecological resources data. This may be submitted along with the annual permit report.

Sulukvait Area Co-management Committee (S-APMC) Recommendations for the Prince Leopold Island MBS

- The S-APMC recommends that an Inuit guide is hired for visits to the MBS; a local guide from Resolute Bay is preferable. The Hamlet of Resolute Bay can provide a list of suggested guides.
- In addition to adhering to the setback distances for seabirds, the S-APMC asks that permit holders adhere to the Fisheries and Oceans *Marine Wildlife Guidelines for Boaters, Paddlers and Viewers* when viewing marine mammals, including maintaining a 100m distance from whales at all times, and that ship noise is kept to a minimum (i.e. refrain from sounding the ship's horn) while within the MBS.
- The S-APMC requests that passengers going ashore within the MBS are accompanied by a guide at all times to minimize the amount of activity/disturbance occurring on shore and that cruise ship staff ensure that passengers do not disturb or remove anything (ecological or otherwise) should they go ashore.
- The APMC requests that the ships only dispose of waste in community sanctioned disposal sites.
- The S-APMC requests that ships are put into neutral if they happen upon any marine mammals until the animal has moved on.
- The S-APMC is interested in activities that occur within the Prince Leopold Island MBS and requests a copy of your annual permit report, in plain English and Inuktitut.
- The S-APMC requests a list of wildlife sightings (along with geographical coordinates, if available) from your visit to Prince Leopold Island MBS to assist in management planning for this area.
- The S-APMC recommends that cruise ships contact the Hunters and Trappers Organization in Resolute Bay to advise them of your upcoming visit if you haven't already been in contact.