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Access to National Wildlife Areas to operate a conveyance and conduct commercial and recreational activities.

Permit to/for permis de/pour

Nirjutigarvik, Polar Bear Pass, Ninginganig, Akpait and Qagulluit National Wildlife Areas

NUN-NWA-16-07

National Wildlife Area(s)

permit no. n. de permis

Nunavut

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In the territory of dans la (les) provinces(s)

Issued under section délivrer en vertu de l'article

Wildlife Area Regulations

of de

Permittee: Lindblad Expeditions  
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New York, NY  
10014 USA

July 1, 2016

date of issue

date d'émission

September 15, 2016

date of expiry

date d'expiration

Name of Vessel: National Geographic Explorer  
Vessel Owner: Lindblad Expeditions LLC.  
Vessel Captain: Leif Skog  
Expedition Leader: Lisa Kelley

Lisa Kelley

  
signature of Permittee signature du Détenteur  
Leif Skog

  
for the Minister pour le Ministre

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All attachments constitute part of this permit.

Toute les pièces jointes font partie intégrante de ce permis.

- 1) RIGHTS OF THE PERMIT CANNOT BE SUBLET OR TRANSFERRED
- 2) The Permittee will at all times indemnify and save harmless Her Majesty, Her officers, servants and agents from and against all claims, demands, loss, costs, damages, actions, suits and other proceedings by whomsoever made, sustained, brought or prosecuted and in any manner based upon, occasioned by or attributed to anything done or omitted to be done by the Permittee in connection with the use of these lands.

The Permittee is authorized to operate a conveyance and to carry out a commercial and recreational activity within the boundaries of Nirjutiqarvik, Polar Bear Pass, Ninginganig, Qaulluit and Akpait National Wildlife Areas.

Issue Date: July 1, 2016 Expiry Date: September 15, 2016  
 Period of Validity: August 1 – September 15, 2016

A review of the proposed activities has determined that these will not:

✓	Interfere with the conservation of wildlife (Section 4. Wildlife Area Regulations);
✓	Likely result in significant adverse environmental effects, taking into account the implementation of mitigation measures (Section 67 of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012)

This permit allows the Permittee to contravene the following prohibited activities in a National Wildlife Area under the Wildlife Area Regulations, subject to terms and conditions indicated on the attached pages.

	Hunt or fish (Subsection 3.1.a.);
✓	Possess any firearm, slingshot, bow and arrow or any instrument that could be used for the purpose of hunting (Subsection 3.1.b.);
	Possess any wildlife, carcass, nest, egg or a part of any of those things (Subsection 3.1.c.);
	Cut, pick, remove or wilfully damage any vegetation (Subsection 3.1.d.);
	Carry on any agricultural activity, graze livestock or harvest any natural or cultivated crop (Subsection 3.1.e.);
	Allow any domestic animal to run at large (Subsection 3.1.f.);
	Swim, picnic, camp or carry on any other recreational activity or light or maintain a fire (Subsection 3.1.g.);
✓	Use or operate a boat, aircraft or any other vehicle (Subsection 3.1.h.);
	Destroy or molest wildlife or carcasses, nests, or eggs thereof (Subsection 3.1.i.);
	Remove, deface, damage or destroy any artefact, natural object, building, fence, poster, sign or other structure (Subsection 3.1.j.);
✓	Carry on any commercial or industrial activity (Subsection 3.1.k.);
	Disturb or remove any soil, sand, gravel or other material (Subsection 3.1.l.);
	Dump or deposit any rubbish, waste material or substance that would degrade or alter the quality of the environment (Subsection 3.1.m.);
	Enter a wildlife area where a notice prohibiting access has been published in local newspapers, or posted at the entrance to or along the boundary of any wildlife area (Section 8.).

#### Notices:

1. Command of the vessel is to notify the Canadian Wildlife Service and Wildlife Enforcement Division 72 hours and 48 hours prior to entering each National Wildlife Area. Contact Quentin Deering at (867) 669-4761 ([Quentin.Deering@ec.gc.ca](mailto:Quentin.Deering@ec.gc.ca)) or Steve Allan at (867) 669-4788 ([Steve.Allan@ec.gc.ca](mailto:Steve.Allan@ec.gc.ca)).
2. Issuance of this permit does not exempt the Permittee from other relevant Canadian laws and regulations.
3. The presence of a wild animal that may potentially create a hazard to people or property shall be reported immediately to the nearest Wildlife Enforcement Officer or RCMP officer.

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**Permit Conditions:**

1. This permit is not valid unless signed by the Permittee (permit holder) or authorized representative, in the space designated as "signature of Permittee."
2. All personnel and activities carried out under the authority or on behalf of the Permittee fall under the conditions of this permit. Activities not authorized under this permit remain subject to the *Wildlife Area Regulations*.
3. All conditions as per the Nunavut Impact Review Board review (NIRB #13AN020) are considered conditions of this permit.
4. The Permittee or his/her delegate must carry a copy of this permit with them at all times. He/she must also ensure that all persons engaged in the activity understand and abide by permit conditions.
5. The Permittee is responsible for obtaining whatever other permits are necessary to undertake the activity, and must obtain them prior to beginning the activity.
6. Additional restrictions and conditions may be imposed by an Environment and Climate Change Canada Enforcement Officer if that Officer deems it necessary.
7. The activity must be undertaken in such a way as to minimize disturbance to wildlife and wildlife habitat.
8. At no time shall persons under this permit feed wildlife, or attempt to attract wildlife into an area of human activity.
9. Firearms shall only be used for the purpose of protection against wildlife.
10. Aircraft shall maintain heights of 3500 feet (1065 metres) above ground level whenever possible.
11. No garbage or debris is to be left in the National Wildlife Area(s) as a result of vessel activities.
12. Cruise ships traveling near seabird colonies shall adhere to the marine setback recommendations submitted to the Nunavut Land Use Plan by Environment and Climate Change Canada and/or cited in Environment and Climate Change Canada's *Guidelines for Avoiding Disturbance to Seabird and Waterbird Colonies in Canada*. These setbacks are described below:
  - Ships must maintain a minimum 500 metre setback distance from seabird colonies
  - Zodiacs, kayaks and other small launch vessels must maintain a minimum 300 metre setback distance from water-level nesting seabird (i.e. the low-nesting Black-legged Kittiwake colony at Akpait NWA) and a 100 metre setback distance from cliff-nesting seabird colonies.

In addition, permit holders shall further adhere to Environment and Climate Change Canada's *Guidelines for Avoiding Disturbance to Seabird and Waterbird Colonies in Canada*, as follows:

- Ship noise should be kept to a minimum (i.e. refrain from using the ship horn) while within the National Wildlife Area(s).
- Small vessels (zodiacs, kayaks) should travel at steady speeds when close to seabird colonies, moving parallel to the shore rather than approaching the colony directly.
- Do not pursue seabirds swimming on the water surface, and avoid concentrations of these birds in the water.

13. Permit holders and their clients shall adhere to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans *Marine Wildlife Guidelines for Boaters, Paddlers and Viewers* while within the National Wildlife Area(s), including maintaining a 100 m distance from whales at all times. Ship noise must be kept to a minimum (i.e. refrain from using the ship horn) while in the National Wildlife Area(s). Ships should be put into neutral if the ship happens upon a marine mammal, until the animal has moved on.
14. Shore landings on Inuit Owned Lands within the National Wildlife Area(s) require the prior permission of the Qikiqtani Inuit Association. There are to be no shore landings in either Akpait or Qaulluit National Wildlife Areas.
15. There is to be no anchoring of cruise vessels within the no-anchoring zone identified for Ninginganiq National Wildlife Area (Appendix B).
16. The Permittee shall submit a report to the Canadian Wildlife Service and the Wildlife Enforcement Division at [CWSPermittingNunavut@ec.gc.ca](mailto:CWSPermittingNunavut@ec.gc.ca) by December 31 of each permitted year. The report shall include:
  - a. the date and duration of the Permittee's visit to each National Wildlife Area.
  - b. a summary of activities conducted within each National Wildlife Areas.

Additional details that *may* be included in the permit report include:

- i. The number and species of wildlife observed within the National Wildlife Areas.
  - ii. A description of travel routes (or GPS tracks) taken within the National Wildlife Areas.
  - iii. If additional smaller vessels were used (zodiacs, canoes, kayaks), details on the number and type of vessels used, the number of passengers and their travel routes.
  - iv. Additional information requested by the Area Co-management Committees for the National Wildlife Areas (Appendix A).
17. The Permittee shall review the additional recommendations made by the various Area Co-Management Committees for the National Wildlife Areas (Appendix A) and is invited to follow these recommendations.

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## APPENDIX A – APMC RECOMMENDATIONS

### Ninginganiq Area Co-management Committee (N-APMC) Recommendations for the Ninginganiq National Wildlife Area

- The N-APMC recommends that ships contact Environment and Climate Change Canada – Wildlife Enforcement Division as well as the Clyde River HTO prior to entering the NWA to give their coordinates and anchorage locations, as well as to verify with the community if harvesting activities are occurring.
- The N-APMC requests that a list of wildlife sightings from the proponent's excursion within the National Wildlife Area be provided to the N-APMC to assist the APMC in management planning as part of their ecological resources data. This may be submitted as sightings with geographical coordinates in a table, or as ArcGIS compatible shapefile(s) along with the final permit report to [CWSPermittingNunavut@ec.gc.ca](mailto:CWSPermittingNunavut@ec.gc.ca).
- The N-APMC recommends an Inuit guide for visits to Ninginganiq National Wildlife Area. Should the proponent wish to include a local Inuit guide for future visits to Ninginganiq NWA, the HTO of Clyde River can be contacted to obtain a list of suggested guides.
- The N-APMC requests a few complimentary photographic stills of vessel activities and excursions within the National Wildlife Area to be used in outreach, management planning and communication activities, if possible. Full photo credit would be given for any and all use.
- The N-APMC requests that the proponent provide a copy of the annual permit report, in English and Inuktitut, to [CWSPermittingNunavut@ec.gc.ca](mailto:CWSPermittingNunavut@ec.gc.ca), who will forward the report to the N-APMC.
- *The N-APMC advises that the no anchoring zone within Ninginganiq NWA (Appendix B) is one of the permitting terms and conditions for vessels conducting activities in Ninginganiq NWA.*

### Nirjutiqarvik Area Co-management Committee (N-APMC) Recommendations for Nirjutiqarvik (Coburg Island) National Wildlife Area

- The N-APMC recommends that an Inuit guide is hired for visits to the NWA, a local guide from Grise Fiord is preferable.
- The N-APMC requests that cruise ship staff ensure that passengers do not remove anything (ecological or otherwise) should they go ashore in Nirjutiqarvik National Wildlife Area.
- The N-APMC is interested in activities that occur in the Nirjutiqarvik NWA and requests a copy of the annual permit report, in English and Inuktitut.
- The N-APMC recommends that the proponent contact the Hunters and Trappers Organization in Grise Fiord to advise them of your upcoming visit if the proponent has not already been in contact.
- The N-APMC requests a list of wildlife sighting from your visit to the Nirjutiqarvik NWA in order to assist with management planning for the NWA as part of their ecological resources data. This may be submitted as sightings with geographical coordinates in a table, or as a shapefile, along with the annual permit report.

**Sulukvait Area Co-management Committee (S-ACMC) Recommendations for  
Polar Bear Pass National Wildlife Area**

- The Sulukvait APMC recommends that an Inuit guide is hired for all visits to the NWA; a local guide from Resolute Bay is preferred. The Hamlet of Resolute Bay can be contacted to obtain a list of suggested guides.
- The Sulukvait APMC requests that, should a ship find it necessary for passengers to go ashore, that staff ensure that passengers do not disturb or remove anything (ecological or otherwise) and ensure that passengers are accompanied by a guide at all times to minimize the amount of activity and disturbance occurring on shore.
- The Sulukvait APMC requests that ships are put into neutral if the ship happens upon any marine mammal until the animal has moved on.
- The Sulukvait APMC is very interested in activities that occur in the Polar Bear Pass National Wildlife Area. Please provide a copy of your annual permit report, in plain English and Inuktitut, to [CWSPermittingNunavut@ec.gc.ca](mailto:CWSPermittingNunavut@ec.gc.ca) to be forwarded to the APMC.
- The APMC requests that a list of wildlife sightings from your visit to the Polar Bear Pass National Wildlife Area be provided to the Sulukvait APMC to be filed as part of the committee's ecological resources data. This data may be submitted as sightings with geographical coordinates in a table, or as a shapefile(s) before, or with the annual permit report. Confidentiality concerns/requirements can be discussed with the Vice-Chair of the Sulukvait APMC at [Lisa.Pirie@ec.gc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Pirie@ec.gc.ca)
- The Sulukvait APMC welcomes the cruise ship to visit Resolute Bay, one of Canada's northernmost communities.

**Sululit Area Co-management Committee (S-ACMC) Recommendations for  
Akpait and Qaulluit National Wildlife Areas**

- The S-ACMC requests that a list of wildlife sightings from the proponent's excursion within Akpait and Qaulluit National Wildlife Areas be provided to the S-ACMC to assist in management planning as part of their ecological resources data. This may be submitted as sightings with geographical coordinates in a table, or as ArcGIS compatible shapefile(s) along with the final permit report to [CWSPermittingNunavut@ec.gc.ca](mailto:CWSPermittingNunavut@ec.gc.ca).
- The S-ACMC requests a few complimentary photograph stills of vessel activities and excursions within the National Wildlife Areas to be used in outreach, management planning and communication activities, if possible. Full photo credit would be given for any and all use.
- The S-ACMC requests that the proponent provide a copy of the annual permit report, in English and Inuktitut, to [CWSPermittingNunavut@ec.gc.ca](mailto:CWSPermittingNunavut@ec.gc.ca), who will forward the report to the S-ACMC.
- There are to be no shore landings within either Akpait or Qaulluit National Wildlife Areas.



## APPENDIX B

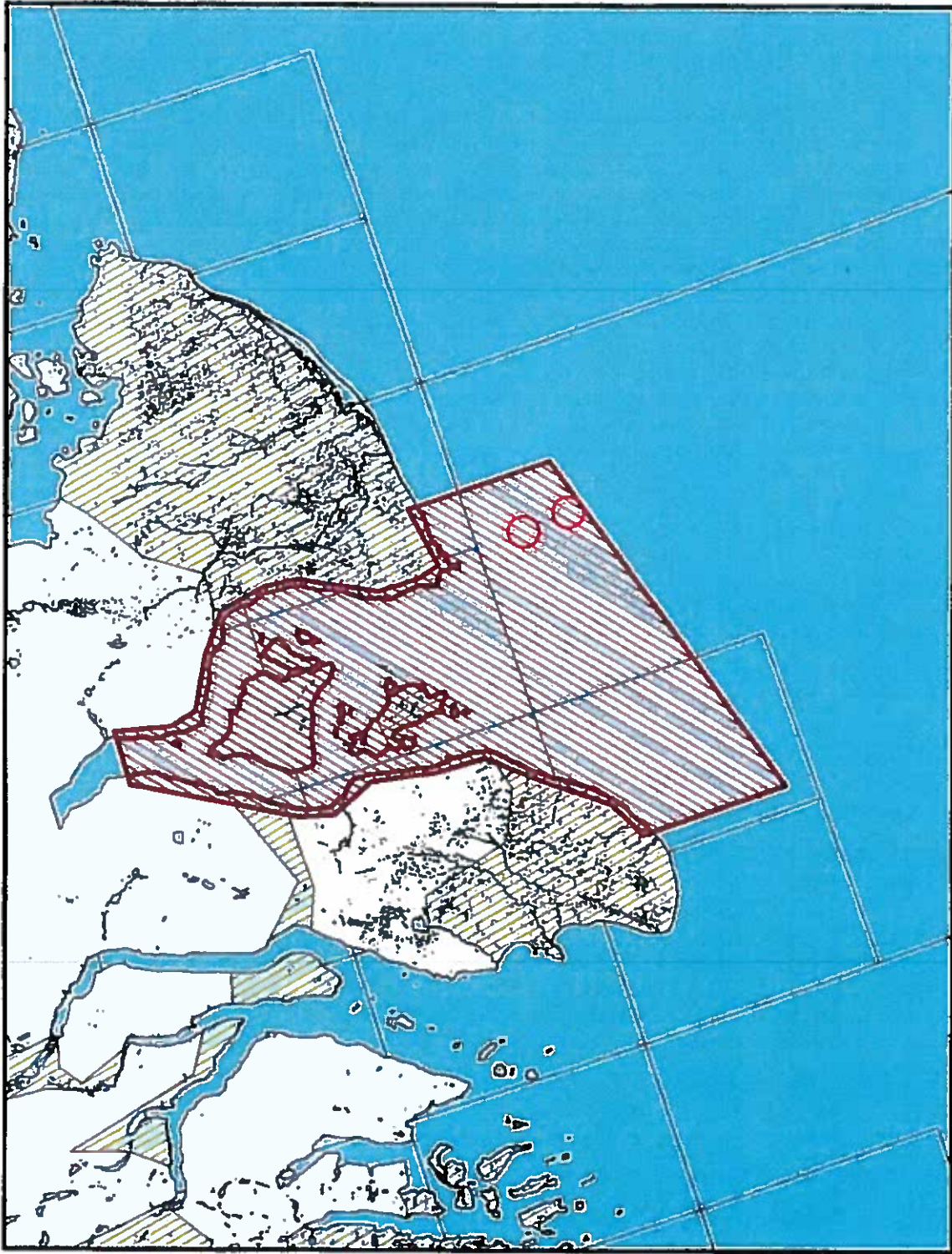


Figure 1. Designated no-anchoring zones within Ninglingan National Wildlife Area (red circles).