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Nunavut Impact Review Board  
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via email: [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca)

**Re: Request for NIRB screening for Parks Canada project "Visitor Experience at the Erebus Wreck Site".**

Good day,

Parks Canada's Nunavut Field Unit is proposing to pilot a new Visitor Experience opportunity for the HMS Erebus wreck site. The aquatic component of the project "Visitor Experience at the Erebus Wreck Site" will take place within the National Historic Site under Parks Canada jurisdiction and is in conformity with Parks Canada's requirements.

The "Visitor Experience at the Erebus Wreck Site" project involves larger than normal group size numbers and piloting new Visitor Experience activities for the site. It is not exempt from screening and in compliance with Section 167 of NuPPAA, the Nunavut Field Unit is referring the proposal to the NIRB for a screening. The project description is attached.

Please note that these activities may become part of the National Historic Site's future service offer to visitors. For this reason, the project is being submitted as a standalone activity even though this year's proposed activity would be conducted in partnership with Adventure Canada (NPC file 148427, exempted from further screening by the NIRB) and would make use of a temporary camp that is being proposed for a separate project (NIRB file 15YN037, the proponent for the "HMS Erebus Wreck Site Archaeological Investigation" project is in the process of submitting their revised application to the NPC following termination of assessment activities by the NIRB).

If you have any questions regarding the referral, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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