



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 15YN037

Project Name: The “HMS Erebus Wreck Site Archaeological Investigation” and “Visitor Experience at the Erebus Wreck Site” project

Proponent Name: Parks Canada (PC)

Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot Region

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application Nos.: 125170 and 125166

Comment Deadline: **August 14, 2017**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “HMS Erebus Wreck Site Archaeological Investigation” project (formerly “Underwater Archaeology and Biology Study of the Wreck of HMS Erebus”) and “Visitor Experience at the Erebus Wreck Site” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 125 kilometres (km) southwest of Gjoa Haven and 250 km southeast of Cambridge Bay at the Wrecks of HMS Erebus and HMS Terror National Historic Site of Canada. The program is proposed to take place from August to September, 2017. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Continue development video and photo documentation of the site
- Continue mapping artefacts and features of HMS Erebus
- Transport cruise ship passengers to and from the National Historic site
- Additional viewing opportunities for guests to snorkel at the surface with support from PC Underwater Archaeology Team

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 15YN037 to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Kelli Gillard, Manager, Project Monitoring, toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or kgillard@nirb.ca