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Hello Terry,

It was great to chat with you today, as mentioned in our conversation Adventure Canada's intends to stop at Nirjutiqarvik. We request to visit Nirjutiqarvik during our Into the Northwest Passage expedition. Our intention is to explore Nirjutiqarvik via Zodiacs – no landings will be made and we will keep a distance of 300 m away as requested by the Canadian Wildlife Service CWS.

Adventure Canada has been operating more than 30 years in Nunavut. We are proud of this and grateful to our hosts who have welcomed us and shared with us best practices and guidelines, which we follow diligently. We value and adhere to the regulations set forth by the CWS and the department of Fisheries and Oceans with regard to viewing of and behaviour around wildlife. We hold requests from the hamlets in high esteem and adjust our plans to accommodate changes in regional wildlife behavior. Our staff from Nunavut are excellent ambassadors for the care and preservation of the natural sites of interest we visit, it is our practice further regulate and restrict our interactions based on their onsite recommendations.

It is of the utmost importance to us that we do not create a stressful environment for any wildlife we may encounter. To ensure that the integrity of the wildlife area is not compromised, we have hired many naturalists (including marine biologists, ornithologists, and botanists) who have experience in Nunavut and a passion for wildlife. They are charged with ensuring the best practices are followed and recording any wildlife we encounter to the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) in a detailed report. Before we arrive at Nirjutiqarvik, we will brief all passengers and staff on etiquette when visiting wildlife areas that have been provided by the CWS, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Communities, and our knowledgeable staff.

In addition to the naturalists, we have a number of Inuit staff onboard to help interpret the cultural and biological importance the wildlife and to monitor passenger behavior. It is important to our company values that our guests come away moved by the experience and with a superior understanding of the fragility and complexity of Arctic eco- systems.

I have attached an information package on our expedition for more details on the itinerary and our vessel. Please feel free to share this information with the residence of your community.

If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to speak in more detail about or intended stop at Nirjutiqarvik please do not hesitate to contact me via the information below.

Warm regards,
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