



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 18TN035

Project Name: The “**MS FRAM The Northwest Passage - In the Wake of Great Explorers**” project
Proponent Name: Hurtigruten AS
Project Type: Tourism Region: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Regions
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125338
Comment Deadline: **July 6, 2018**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “MS FRAM The Northwest Passage - In the Wake of Great Explorers” project is a cruise ship which proposes two voyages within the Qikiqtani and Kitikmeot regions with visits to wildlife and historic areas as well as visits to the communities of Pond Inlet, Gjoa Haven and Cambridge Bay. The Proponent intends to conduct vessel-based tourism activities that would provide passengers opportunities to engage in sightseeing, zodiac cruising, kayak excursions, wildlife watching, shore landings for guided interpretive walks, and organized community visits. The program is proposed to take place from September 2 to 18, 2018.

The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of cruise vessel, the *MS FRAM*, for transportation and accommodation of up to 240 passengers/tourists and 80 crew members (per cruise);
- Scenic cruising, shore landings and shore-based interpretive activities along the route
- Use of a fleet of 7 zodiacs (small boats) fitted with outboard engines to facilitate shore landings and sightseeing excursions.
- Use of 10 kayaks for guest and instructors

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **18TN035** 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 Jaida Ohokannoak, Technical Advisor II toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or johokannoak@nirb.ca.