

Appendix

GN-01: Archaeological Considerations	
Department	Culture and Heritage
Organization	Government of Nunavut
Subject/Topic	Archaeological Considerations
References	NIRB Notice of Minor Screening and Comment Request
CONCERNS	
<p>The Proponent is proposing to undertake shore landings during expedition stops at multiple locations, including Sirmilik National Park and the Prince Leopold Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary for the purpose of land-based educational activities and videography. Visits to certain areas will overlap with known archaeological sites and subsequently requires an application for an archaeological permit. The proponent is also planning to operate a remote operated vehicle (ROV), with an operating range of a maximum 100 metres (m) depth and tether length of 300 m.</p>	
RECOMMENDATIONS	
<p>The Proponent has already applied for the required Class 1 archaeological permit issued for the visitation of terrestrial archaeological/historical sites. The GN would like to take this opportunity to stress that they respect the requirements of the archaeological permits if/when they are issued and to pay special attention to the concerns noted above during landings and exploration of the indicated coastlines.</p> <p>The GN would also like to remind the Proponent that no person shall search, alter or otherwise disturb underwater heritage resources (such as a wreck) without the authorization of the Department of Culture and Heritage.</p> <p>The Department of Culture and Heritage recommends that the applicant should avoid conducting activities in the vicinity (50 m buffer zone) of archaeological/historical sites, including submerged heritage resources. If archaeological sites, features, wrecks are encountered, activities should immediately be interrupted and moved away from this location. Each site encountered needs to be recorded and reported to the Territorial Archaeology office.</p>	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	
<p>All archaeological and palaeontological sites in Nunavut are protected under the Nunavut Act. The Proponent must understand that it is their responsibility to ensure that no heritage resource sites are disturbed in the course of their activities. No person shall alter, or otherwise disturb an archaeological site, or remove any artifact from an archaeological site without the proper</p>	

authorizations. Moreover, the building of inuksuit is not recommended.