



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 19TN032

Project Name: The “**MS ROALD AMUNDSEN: Northwest Passage – In the Footsteps of Roald Amundsen**” project

Proponent Name: Hurtigruten AS (Hurtigruten)

Project Type: Tourism Region: Kitikmeot and Baffin Regions

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125470

Comment Deadline: **July 4, 2019**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “**MS ROALD AMUNDSEN: Northwest Passage – In the Footsteps of Roald Amundsen**” project is located within the Kitikmeot and Baffin regions. 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 August to September 2019. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of cruise vessel, the *MS ROALD AMUNDSEN*, for transportation and accommodation of up to 480 passengers/tourists, 170 crew members and one (1) contracted ice pilot;
- Use of a fleet of seven (7) zodiacs (small boats) fitted with outboard engines;
- Use of 18 kayaks for guests and instructors; and
- Tourism expedition visits(Dundas Harbour/Crocker Bay, Beechey Island, Prince Leopold Island, Conningham Bay, and James Ross Strait, Pond Inlet, Gjoa Haven and Cambridge Bay).

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **19TN032** 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.