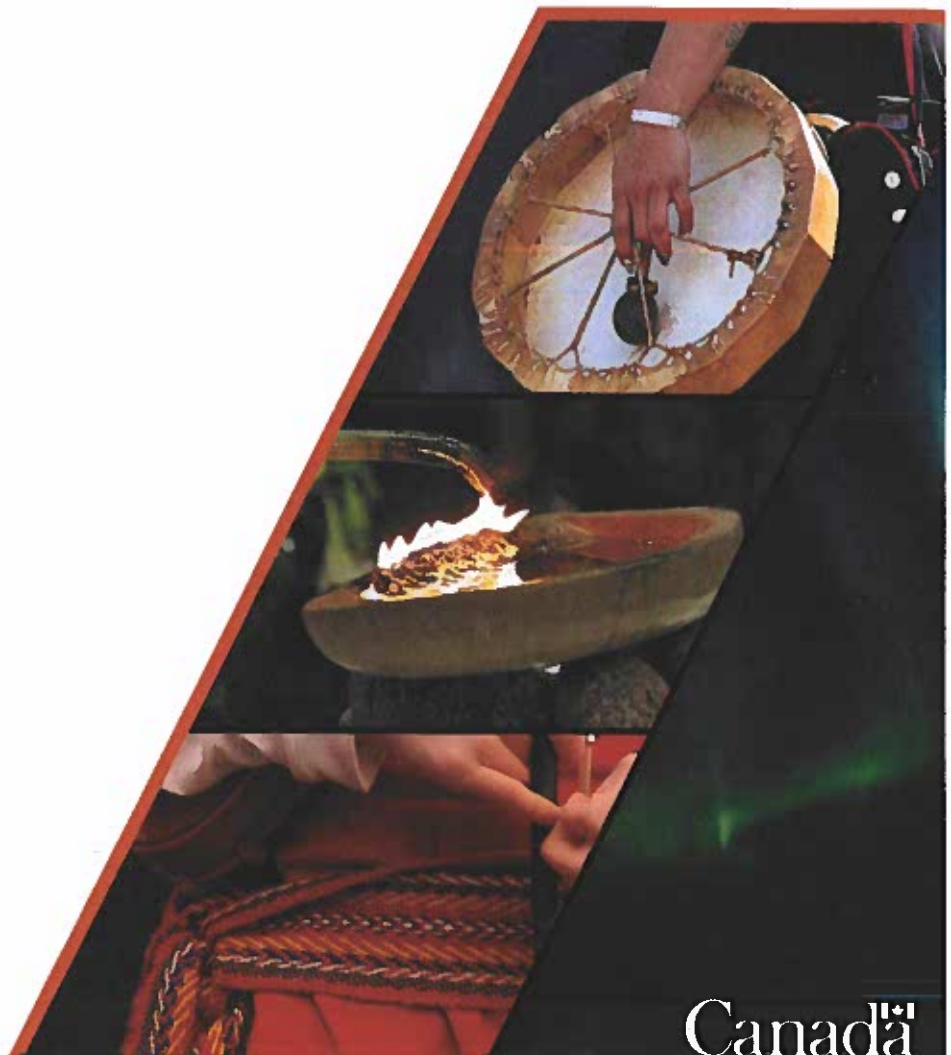




CIRNAC COMMENTS TO NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for “Hurtigruten’s MS ROALD
AMUNDSEN: Northwest Passage” Project Proposal



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July 03, 2019

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Re: Notice of Screening for Hurtigruten's "MS ROALD AMUNDSEN: Northwest Passage - In the Footsteps of Roald Amundsen" Project Proposal

Dear Ms. Ohokannoak,

On June 13, 2019, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Hurtigruten's "MS ROALD AMUNDSEN: Northwest Passage - In the Footsteps of Roald Amundsen" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the response below as it pertains to the NIRB's request.

Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;

The Proponent mentioned in the project proposal that they have send notifications to the hamlets of Pond Inlet, Gjoa Haven and Cambridge Bay, Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Qikiqtani Inuit Association, Inuit Heritage Trust, Pond Inlet HTO, Gjoa Haven HTO and Cambridge Bay HTO, but all of them were reported to be pending.

Based on the lack of detailed information regarding proponent's community consultation/engagement, CIRNAC is unable to offer comments on whether the project is likely to arouse significant public concern. CIRNAC recommends that the proponent provide a brief written summary of its interaction with communities where pre-organized visits are being arranged (i.e., Pond Inlet, Gjoa Haven, and Cambridge Bay). This summary should describe meeting dates; types of interaction (e.g., telephone call, email correspondence, in-person visit; etc.); matters discussed and any agreed upon next steps.

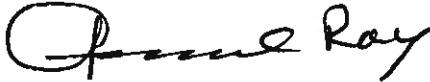
Also, CIRNAC recommends that the proponent consider how it will involve the communities of Pond Inlet, Gjoa Haven, and Cambridge Bay in its project. They should consider the following points:



- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in the project design;
- Briefing community representatives on planned activities; and
- Economic opportunities for community members.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact undersigned at (867) 975-4554 or by e-mail at amal.roy@canada.ca.

Sincerely,



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