

COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

Project Proposal Title:	MS ROALD AMUNDSEN: Northwest Passage – In the Footsteps of Roald Amundsen		
Proponent:	Hurtigruten AS		
Location:	Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Regions		
Comments Due By:	July 4, 2019	NIRB #:	19TN032

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

☒ no concerns

water quality

terrain

air quality

wildlife and their habitat

marine mammals and their habitat

birds and their habitat

fish and their habitat

heritage resources in area

traditional uses of land

Inuit harvesting activities

community involvement and consultation

local development in the area

tourism in the area

human health issues

other:

Please describe the concerns indicated above:

N/A

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?

The vessel used for the project is required to abide by the following Acts and Regulations:

- In the Arctic, the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*, the *Marine Liability Act*, the *Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act*, *Arctic Shipping Safety and Pollution Prevention Regulations* and the *Marine Transportation Security Act* combine to provide Canada's operational regulatory regime governing marine safety, security and environmental protection matters.
- The *Canada Shipping Act, 2001* (CSA) provides an overall regime to protect the safety and the environment for vessels operating in waters under Canadian jurisdiction. Its regulations include requirements for a vessel's construction, management of ballast water, pollution control, arrangements for emergency response, and crew qualifications. Pollution response and prevention measures apply in respect of vessels in Canadian waters or waters in the exclusive economic zone of Canada.
- The *Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act* (AWPPA) provides enhanced environmental protection with respect to vessels operating in waters under Canadian jurisdiction north of 60° North latitude. Canada has developed new regulations, the *Arctic Shipping Safety and Pollution Prevention Regulations* (ASSPPR) that incorporate the Polar Code, with the addition of specific Canadian modifications designed to provide clarity on discharge requirements for the prevention of pollution by oil, by sewage, and by garbage from vessels, as well as the control of pollution by noxious liquid substances in bulk.
- The *Marine Liability Act* sets out a regime that requires vessels operating waters under Canadian jurisdiction to carry insurance to pay for damages from oil spills.
- The *Marine Transportation Security Act* sets out a regime to protect and preserve the efficiency of Canada's marine transportation system against unlawful interference. The Department helps the industry achieve compliance with marine security legislation and regulations through awareness, certification, inspection, and enforcement, and helps ports, marine facilities and vessels implement

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the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code through the *Marine Transportation Security Regulations* (MTSRs).

Additionally the following comments are to be noted:


- Transport Canada has committed to improving awareness of cruise ship operators and has developed cruise ship guidelines that are intended to provide information on the requirements of Federal and Territorial government agencies during the planning phase of cruises and during the subsequent Arctic voyages. Information provided by several non-governmental organizations has also been included. The guidelines can be read at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/guidelines-passenger-vessels-operating-canadian-arctic-tp13670e.html>.
- Vessels may be subjected to the *Coasting Trade Act*.
- Section 7A of the Annual Notice to Mariners provides additional advice for voyage planning in Canadian Northern waters.

These Acts and Regulations combine to provide Canada's operational regulatory regime governing marine safety and environmental protection matters. Transport Canada administers these Act and Regulations and is responsible for monitoring compliance and enforcing its requirements.

Do you support the project proposal? Yes No Any additional comments?

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Signature:  **Date:** July 3, 2019