



Appendix

GN-01: Polar Bear – Human Encounters	
Department	Environment
Organization	Government of Nunavut
Subject/Topic	Polar Bears and Human-Bear Encounters
References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIRB Public Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Hurtigruten AS's "MS ROALD AMUNDSEN: Northwest Passage" Project Proposal • Project Description (2019) – MS ROALD AMUNDSEN: Northwest Passage – Hurtigruten AS
CONCERNS	
<p>Polar bear – human encounters may occur and it is noted in the Project Description (2019) that staff have therefore been provided with small signal pistols with crackers and 30-06 rifles. Shotguns with rubber bullets, slugs, crackers, etc. may be more effective deterrents before resorting to lethal options.</p>	
SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	
<p>The GN recommends that if possible, trained staff legally carry and handle a 12 GA shotgun for polar bear – human encounters that may occur. This will allow staff to be in a better position to deter polar bears instead of using lethal options. This also gives a broader range of responses to bear-human encounters depending on the disturbance/threat.</p>	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	
N/A	

GN-02: Archaeological Site Visits	
Department	Culture and Heritage
Organization	Government of Nunavut
Subject/Topic	Archaeological Site Visits
References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIRB Public Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Hurtigruten AS's "MS ROALD AMUNDSEN: Northwest Passage" Project Proposal • Project Description (2019) – MS ROALD AMUNDSEN: Northwest Passage – Hurtigruten AS
CONCERNS	
<p>According to the intended itineraries provided in the application documents, visits to certain areas will overlap with known archaeological sites and subsequently require an application for an archaeological permit.</p> <p>Under the <i>Nunavut Archaeological and Palaeontology Site Regulations, Nunavut Act</i>, the Department of Culture and Heritage is the Government of Nunavut agency responsible for the management and protection of Nunavut's archaeological heritage. The management and protection of Nunavut's archaeological resources is achieved through legislation, policy and procedures, including the requirement to obtain authorization, in the form of a permit, from the Government of Nunavut. Since 2005, the Government of Nunavut has required that commercial tourism operators interested in visiting Nunavut archaeological or palaeontological sites obtain a Class 1 Permit.</p> <p>The permit process addresses to following concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The landing of thousands of visitors each year at archaeological and historical sites in Nunavut without the knowledge of the Department of Culture and Heritage or Inuit Heritage Trust. • Concerns expressed by archaeologists, tourists and local residents about site protection arising from shipborne tourism. • Incidence of site disturbance. • The potential cumulative effects of large-scale and unregulated site visitations. • The need for accountability with respect to site disturbance arising from tourist activities. <p>The permit process also provides the following benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a mechanism through which the Government of Nunavut can obtain information concerning current site conditions (monitoring and reporting) and, • Protects visitor groups from being held responsible for damages to a site that occurred before and after their visit. 	
SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	

As the Proponent has already applied for the required permit, 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.