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1. Marine Based Tourism: Passenger cruise ship through the Northwest Passage. MS FRAM is a passenger ship operated by Hurtigruten AS. Two cruises are planned to the Qikiqtaaluk and Kitikmeot regions of Nunavut during summer 2022. There will be up to 240 passengers and 80 crew members (inc. approx. 15 members of the expedition team) on board per voyage. Project duration in Nunavut is 15 days in total – from 17 August through 21 September. Activities include sightseeing by ship, Zodiac cruising, kayaking excursions and shore landings for activities such as guided interpretive walks, bird- and nature-watching and hiking.
2. Associated NPC File No: 148834; 149166; Associated NIRB File No: 18TN035.
3. Location: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Region [Various locations along the Northwest Passage including visits to the communities of Pond Inlet, Gjøa Haven, and Cambridge Bay ]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal and a conformity determination was issued on June 4, 2018, and May 31, 2019, which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including visits to Pond Inlet, Gjøa Haven, and Cambridge Bay. (NIRB FILE NO.: 18TN035). It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149318&sessionid=>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above-noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits, and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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